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Thousands of Children Are Hungry

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

Make America Fit to Be Proud Of

If you woke up one morning and found headlines in the daily press: 10,000 CHILDREN HUNGRY IN SAN FRANCISCO, you'd probably choke over your coffee. You'd leave your breakfast unfinished and dash to the telephone, call up your union, your lawyer, your lodge, the mayor, the chief of police—anyone. You'd want action. You'd be outraged. You'd say the joke had gone too far. You would view the situation as an emergency—as a tremendous disgrace.

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"There are 10,000 San Francisco children who will have no Christmas this year unless you help."

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"In the name of helpless childhood, in the name of 10,000 little ones already engulfed by the vicissitudes of life, San Francisco will laugh and be gay this afternoon."

Mind you, this is not one of William Randolph Hearst's slanderous inventions about the Soviet Union. This is the cold, bare-faced truth about a city in the United States of America—the wealthiest country on earth.

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Does the Chronicle hail this disgrace as an indictment of a social system? No.

Is the Chronicle alarmed by the significance of this crime against children? No.

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The Chronicle asks charity. Give the children a cheap toy and a stick of candy and let

Fillmore Still Ahead in S. F. Bazaar Contest

Fillmore is maintaining a lead in the Socialist competition drive between the Waterfront Sub-section and the Fillmore Sub-section. The figures are: Fillmore, \$153.65; Waterfront, \$118.25.

With the volunteer services of a few comrade-craftsmen the premises of the Western Worker Bazaar are beginning to shape up into a new auditorium, kitchen and dining room worthy of the occasion. As stated in a previous issue of the Western Worker all collection lists and souvenir programs must be in by Dec. 20. Address all communications and money to B. Rosenfeld, 121 Haight st.

Collection activities must be increased to top speed during the remaining few days before the bazaar, which opens on Dec. 27. The sale of articles constitutes a prime factor of the bazaar. Those who have a hobby, such as wood-working, sketching or any of the other arts are asked to bring handiwork in for display and sale.

BERKELEY WPA WRITERS RAP MASS LAY-OFF

BUT MAN IN CHARGE HAS NOT EVEN HEARD OF WORK STOPPAGE

Jobless Join A.F.L.

SOUTH DAKOTA TO BUILD ARMORIES WITH WPA ALLOTMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The entire staffs of several WPA writers' projects have been laid off for two weeks in Berkeley.

J. Cronin, one of the Washington officials in charge of this type of work, when approached today by a delegation of writers, declared he had not even heard of the lay-off. But stories of the affair have been carried in at least one San Francisco daily paper for several days hand running.

After talking with the writers involved, Mr. Cronin "authorized" some under-official to call headquarters in Berkeley with orders to put the writers back to work. The controversy hinges around whether or not these writers are to be allowed to do actual creative

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Charter Lifting Buzzell's Doing Avers W.P. Green

LETTER TO FURRIERS PINS BLAME ON SECRETARY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Responsibility for the cancelling of the charter of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union in San Pedro has been pinned on J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, in a letter from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in which he washes his hands of the affair.

The letter was received by the Furriers' Union in response to a protest against the "lifting" of the charter on the ground that Jack Moore, business manager of the cannery local, is a Communist. It was reported that the Furriers' Union delegates to the Central Labor Council, will raise the question of the charter cancellation

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Japanese Peace Envoy Detained

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Cleared by the U. S. Consul in Japan, nevertheless, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese peace advocate, who arrived here to make a world tour in the interest of peace under the auspices of the Federated Council of the Churches of Christ, was committed to Angel Island for possible exclusion.

Dr. Kagawa was taken out of the hands of a reception committee by immigration authorities, on the grounds that he had no medical certificate and that he had been suffering from eye trouble for years.

WPA MAN KILLS 6 ON L. A. JOB

One Bleeds to Death As Straw Bosses Fail to Act

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Shot by crazed Charles N. Layman, WPA worker who ran amok last Monday with a rifle on the Westlake Storm Drain project at La Brea Boulevard and Jefferson st., six WPA workers were dead here today and a seventh in serious condition.

The murder of Pete Coklit, 43, of 112 East 76th street, lies at the door of—not Layman—but of the WPA "straw-bosses" on the job. Shot in the leg, Coklit bled to death because the "straw-bosses" would not allow his fellow workers to help him, insisting that neither he nor the others be touched until a police ambulance arrived.

Only Survivor

James A. Haley, 159 1/2 W. 23rd street, who was shot in the arm and almost bled to death, is the only survivor of the murderous attack.

Two were killed instantly and two more died a few hours later. They were Coklit, Lloyd Davis, 25, 2188 Cambridge street; Harry Sell, 56, 3744 Gramercy Place; Lloyd Holden, 5207 Templeton avenue.

Francis Secret, 221 East 23rd street, died yesterday from a wound in the stomach; and today Harold Johnson, 618 East 53rd st., died of a bullet in his brain.

Enraged by real or fancied grievances with some of the workers, and by his dismissal

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"CONTRACOSTA" LAUNDRY STRIKE WON IN 8 HOURS

SOLIDARITY OF OAKLAND UNIONS GAINS SIGNAL VICTORY

Picket "Safeway"

ALAMEDA LABOR COUNCIL HEARS LABOR PARTY ADVOCATE

(Alameda County Central Labor Council.)

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 17.—Last night's session of the Labor Council was considerably enlivened with an account of the successful strike at the Contra Costa Laundry at 23rd ave. and East 7th street.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, 70 laundry workers struck the plant for recognition of their union. By 7:30 a. m. about 95 per cent of the employees were out. When the laundry drivers came in at noon they put their trucks away and refused to unload them. The Bakery and Milk Wagon Drivers refused to deliver anything and the Teamsters would not deliver materials through the picket lines.

The Warehousemen gave militant support on the picket lines. The tie-up was so complete that at 3:30 p. m. of the same day the management called in the union representatives and signed a closed shop agreement with the Laundry Workers' Union.

There was no violence during the struggle, but the police were there in godly numbers. However, the presence of the cops couldn't run the laundry, so the boss signed on the dotted line. A sign is now posted in the plant stating that all employees must be in the union within three weeks. The only concession made by the union was to take in the few girls who failed to join the walk-out.

On the Labor Party

Delegate Maggio of the Machinists' Union addressed the Council on industrial unionism and the question of a Labor Party. He concluded with a motion that an educational committee be appointed to arrange for speakers and possible debates before the Council on these two vital subjects.

This opened a vigorous discussion on the floor, during the course of which a less progressive delegate said, "If we are going to

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PARLIAMENTS WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

League of Nations Pigeon Holes Proposal For "Robbery Peace"—Oil Embargo Must Now Be Faced Squarely

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

The League of Nations has junked the infamous Franco-British peace proposal which roused protest from all progressive forces and precipitated international turmoil as alarming as the war itself. Sir Samuel Hoare has resigned from his post as British foreign secretary and it is rumored that Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin may be forced to resign before the storm subsides.

Edouard Herriot has resigned as leader of the Radical-Socialist Party of France and a crisis is looming in the French cabinet which may end in the collapse of Premier Laval's government.

Italian invading forces have been driven back with heavy losses by the Ethiopians. Japanese planes are dropping bombs on North China cities in an effort to quell revolt of the Chinese masses against invasion. Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the Kuomintang (Nationalist) Chinese government has capitulated to the Japanese seizure of the North China provinces. Japanese spokesmen have openly proclaimed that their invasion is an effort to prevent China from going Communist.

The five-power naval conference in London is in a deadlock with Japan demanding complete naval parity.

WPA SCORED BY SAN DIEGO FED. LABOR COUNCIL

Anti-War Conference Endorsed; Protest Scaler Trial

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 19.—In a resolution adopted at last night's meeting of the Federated Trades Council, the WPA "security wage scale" was scored as an attempt to destroy the living standards of skilled craftsmen and a call was ordered sent to all Southern California Central Labor Councils asking if they are willing to participate in a "Conference to establish union wages on the WPA." If favorable replies are received, the date of the conference will be set in the near future.

The Tydings-McCormack Military Disaffection Bill and the Kramer Sedition Bill were con-

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London, Dec. 19.—Prime Minister Baldwin addressed the House of Commons today with a conciliatory speech declaring the Franco-British proposal a mistake and seeking to placate progressive elements which greeted him with a storm of protest. Demands were voiced by labor representatives for Britain's full support of collective sanctions against the aggressor nation, Italy.

Observers see the present crisis in both French and British cabinets as a new development in politics since the war. Vast increases in the organized power of labor and the projection of labor into the political field have brought about a situation where diplomats can no longer make deals and pacts in the interests of capitalists' minorities which run contrary to the will of the majority.

Baldwin's speech definitely affirmed that the peace proposal was drafted because League representatives feared the results of the projected oil embargo and wanted to get around it.

Collapse of the proposal now

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TORRES ADMITS LEAPING FROM HALL WINDOW

MARITIME WORKERS STOP WORK HALF HOUR TO PROTEST TRIAL

May Go to Jury Fri.

COURT DENIES DEFENSE PLEA FOR CASE DISMISSAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—"I was kicked in the chest, then I ran to the window and jumped out."

This was the death-bed statement of Vincent Torres, as a result of whose death, four members of the Ship Scalers' Union are facing a trumped up charge of first degree murder in Judge Lile Jacks' Superior Court at the Hall of Justice here.

STOP WORK PROTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—All work stopped at 1 p. m. on the waterfront here today in a mighty protest against the employer attempt to send four militant scalers to San Quentin or Death Row.

The protest lasted half an hour. All maritime unions participated. Meanwhile the I.L.D. urges a mighty flood of protest telegrams to Judge Lile Jacks, Hall of Justice here, demanding an end to the frame-up and immediate and unconditional release of these four union men.

The statement of the so-called "murder victim" was read to the jury by the prosecuting attorney, only after it literally had been wrung from him by International Labor Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher, after a heated argument.

On the basis of this, Defense Attorneys Leo Gallagher and Geo. Andersen argued that the court should pass judgment immediately. Although admitting an apparent contradiction in evidence, Judge Jacks refused to grant the defense's request, stating that he would let the jury hear the entire

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Alaska Strikers Freed in "Riot" Trial Frame-Up

24 WORKERS ACQUITTED AFTER SPECTACULAR DEFENSE

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 16.—One of the most decisive victories ever gained by organized labor was scored today with the acquittal of 24 union miners and longshoremen who were framed by the Alaska-Juneau Gold Mine Company on "riot" charges in an attempt to break the strike led by Local 203 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The defendants had been arrested following an attack upon their picket lines on June 24th by imported thugs and strike-breakers, assisted by the U. S. marshal, city police and local merchant vigilantes.

The local representative of the Standard Oil was exposed as the head of the vigilantes during the five weeks long trial.

Juneau Labor is jubilant over the hard won victory, and the ranks of the local I.L.D. branch have swollen considerably as a result of the brilliant fight waged by Irvin Goodman, Portland I.L.D. attorney, and Senator Henry Rodin, prominent Juneau attorney.

Tasks of Ninth Communist Party Convention

To the Membership and Organizations of the Communist Party of the United States.

COMRADES:

This is a call for the Ninth Convention of our Party. The November session of the Central Committee decided that the Ninth Party Convention be held in March, 1936, and that the Convention discussion be opened with the publication of the Browder report and the resolutions adopted by the Central Committee.

The Ninth Convention of our Party will be held at a crucial time in the history of our country and of the world. Capitalist reaction is mobilizing. The working class and the toiling masses of America are faced with new onslaughts on their well-being and on their most elementary democratic and civil rights. Mass unemployment continues its devastating work among the working class. The farming masses are in crisis. The improvement in business, which is heralded by both cap-

italist parties as the end of the crisis, signifies largely improvement in profit of the monopolies, while poverty and insecurity continue to be the lot of the overwhelming majority of the toilers.

Tasks of Convention

The Ninth Party Convention will undertake to show the American working class and all toilers the correct road to the solution of their immediate and burning problems, the chief problem of struggle against poverty and insecurity. It will undertake to point out to the masses how best they can serve their interests in the forthcoming presidential elections by building the Farmer-Labor Party. The Convention will further develop the approach of our Party to such movements as the Townsend movement, the EPIC plan, etc., with the aim of winning these movements and the masses around them for the Farmer-Labor Party and for the struggle against the capitalist offensive, reaction, fascism and war.

Statement of Central Committee, C.P., U.S.A.

The danger of a new world war is becoming more acute due especially to the war of Italian fascism against Ethiopia, to the war of Japan in the Far East, and to the war preparations of German fascism.

The Ninth Convention of our Party—on the basis of the Seventh World Congress decisions—will have to devise ways and means of further mobilizing the masses of the United States in the struggle for peace, to preserve the peace of the United States and to combat all war-mongers and especially the fascist war makers. The Convention will have to find a way of winning the American masses to the peace policies of the Soviet Union, the chief bulwark of peace, and to win the masses for collaboration with the U.S.S.R. in the struggle for peace.

Farmer-Labor Party

The national election campaign of 1936 is already in full

swing. The reactionary circles of monopoly capital, the Morgandupont interests, operating through the Liberty League, Hearst and other reactionary agencies are desperately trying to put into office an administration that will systematically use all reactionary and brutal measures of oppression against the masses to make them carry the burden of the crisis.

These reactionary monopoly interests are seeking to establish such methods of governmental rule as will enable them to resort also to fascism in order to keep the American masses enslaved. This is the chief source of the danger of fascism in the United States. This calls for the widest mass mobilization into a united front and for a Farmer-Labor Party. For it is clear, as established by the November meeting of the Central Committee, that the toiling masses cannot depend upon Roosevelt and his administration to stave

off the growing danger of reaction and fascism. The Ninth Convention of the Party will, therefore, have the task of formulating such policies for our Party as will enable it best to help strengthen the economic and political power of the American working class and all toilers in the struggle against the capitalist offensive and capitalist reaction; in the struggle for the Farmer-Labor Party. The Party Convention will have to determine the line of policy and tactics for our Party in the national presidential elections.

The United Front

To solve this central political task, the Ninth Party Convention will have to formulate our next practical steps in the struggle for the united front, especially the united front between the Communist and Socialist parties, the next steps in the widening movement for the organization of the unorganized into industrial unions and for the strengthening of the trade union movement generally.

the extension of our work among the toiling farmers, the women and the youth, and the further promotion of the national liberation movement of the Negroes.

In order to enable our Party to carry through successfully the policies that the Party Convention will decide upon, it will have to devise further ways and means of increasing the Party membership, developing capable cadres and of adjusting the Party organization to the political tasks of the present period.

The November Plenum of the Central Committee has laid the basis for the Convention discussion on the political and organizational questions which the Party Convention will have to act on. The Party membership and all Party organizations are called upon to immediately organize a systematic discussion on all these questions.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, C.P.U.S.A.
EARL BROWDER,
General Secretary.

FALL OF BALDWIN IN BRITAIN AND LAVAL IN FRANCE MIGHT RESULT OUT OF "PEACE PLAN"

Naval Conference Flounders in Complete Disagreement—Japanese Bomb China Cities—Sir Samuel Hoare Quits

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brings the oil embargo again to the fore.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Friction between right and left factions in the French government flared high over the proposed "peace plan." Left elements are demanding Laval's resignation and charge him with deliberate sabotage of the League covenant.

Reactionary elements are voicing stubborn support of Laval.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The five-power naval conference has lapsed into hopeless bickering and is expected to result in a naval construction race. Since the power of the word of each participating nation carries no more weight than the strength of their navy, arguments for naval reduction carry little promise of success. The real issue behind the conference is power in the Orient and the Pacific. Japan demands absolute parity with Great Britain and the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Reports from the African war zone show Italian forces driven back on all fronts. Ethiopian forces displaying fine strategy and courage are successfully combating tanks, artillery and airplanes. Major attacks by large native forces followed after weeks of grilling raids and sniping which not only crippled

the invading forces by heavy losses, but seriously weakened morale.

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 19.—The crisis looming in China is seen here to center on the enormous increase in the Communist movement. Observers declare the majority of the Chinese people in sympathy with the Communist movement and the rest ready to join hands with the Communists to drive out the Japanese invaders.

Invasion of the North China provinces by Japan is openly admitted by her spokesmen to be for purposes of suppressing the Communists. Capitulation of the Chinese Nationalist government to this move is reported as owing to her inability to suppress the will of the people unaided. By the invasion, Japan shoulders the burden of suppression in the North, leaving the forces of Chiang Kai-shek free to attack the Communists in the South.

The move, however, has resulted in widespread revolt against the Nationalist government and increased support for the Communists. Developments within the next few months are predicted to be of international significance which will overshadow the war in Ethiopia.

ANTI-WAR GROUP AID PICKETING OF "WAR CARGO"

CAPTAIN FAILS TO FIND CREW TO REPLACE STRIKERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A joint representation of organized labor, peace societies, writers, prominent church members and seamen went in a mass delegation to demand of the captain of the Norwegian steamer, Spero, why he is in the face of world-wide protest and in defiance of his own country's demand, through the League of Nations, for peace, he continues to load his ship with scrap iron for the Mussolini war plants.

The ship is being loaded by members of the International Longshoremen's Union and crane men hired by the Jersey Central Railroad. Her skipper has announced sailing date as Thursday, but so far he has failed to recruit a full crew.

A delegation from the American League Against War and Fascism, visited the Norwegian Consul, to protest against the shipment of scrap iron and other war materials on the Norwegian ship, Spero.

The Consul General, after first trying to evade seeing the delegation, finally stated that he has "no instructions from his government and is powerless to interfere."

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism." Price 5 cents.

"Blessed Are the Meek and Hungry"

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them starve another year. When their fathers and mothers strike for better wages, the Chronicle will scream "Americanism" and cry for police and military to suppress insurrection.

The Chronicle, in an effort to pose as an angel of mercy, calmly flaunts the rottenness of a decaying social system in the face of the populace. Ten thousand children hungry on your very doorstep. And they were hungry last year and the year before that despite all the blood-sucking, profit-hungry parasites who have heaped themselves with self-glorification in the name of CHARITY.

Legions of hungry children after six years of depression can mean only one thing. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GOVERNMENT ARE DISHONEST. Build a united front Farmer-Labor Party. These children can be fed and can be given a chance at life. Elect your own representatives to office. Feed, clothe and educate these children if you have to tax the millionaires out of existence.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

29 Billion In The Hole; Who Is the Goat?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The position of the United States Treasury, as of Dec. 13, was reported as follows:

Receipts, \$18,967,425.23; expenditures, \$19,567,639.31.

Receipts for the fiscal year since July 1 were \$1,627,527,895.24; expenditures, \$3,410,049,812.28 (including \$1,533,323,905.27 listed as "emergency" expenditures); excess of expenditures, \$1,782,521,917.04.

Gross debt, \$29,595,197,931.44, which the gentlemen of the National Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce intend the working class shall pay.

WPA WORKERS IN FIGHT FOR UNION SCALE

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have speakers here we should be sure they are such men as Vandeleur, Scharrenberg, and—" at this point the delegates drowned out his voice with a chorus of boos.

The question was finally referred to the executive committee, with an express invitation to Delegate Maggio and other supporters of the plan to attend its hearings.

Picket Safeway Stores

The Grocery Clerks reported the Safeway Grocery chain will open a new store in a few days, and it will open with union pickets in front. "And all new stores it opens from now on will get the same 'welcome' from the Grocery Clerks. The Clerks also spiked the rumor that the 'Lucky Markets' are having trouble with the union. They are 100 per cent union, living up to all requirements.

After the Labor Council's threat of drastic action against the Hotel Oakland that establishment, for the first time, employed union waiters at a banquet this week.

The Retail Clerks announced seven stores have already signed their new closed shop agreement, effective January 1. By that date it is expected all the stores who signed up during the past year will also have accepted the new agreement.

Key Route Extras

It has long been the custom on the Key Route to employ college students to man the extra cars during the rush hours. The union has taken the position that these young men work only four hours a day their pay is necessarily small and has not required them to join.

This week, without solicitation, the entire group (42 in number) asked to be admitted to the union and they will be voted in at the next meeting. Upon invitation, about 12 of them visited last night's Council meeting and got a big hand from the delegates.

Mr. Huddleston, owner of the Santa Cruz Cannery, will appear before the Labor Relations Board next Monday to answer charges preferred by the Warehousemen's Union. The charges grew out of the lock-out and strike at his plant last Summer.

Miscellaneous.

The Teamsters reported the controversy with the Tribune is still being arbitrated with a settlement expected today (Tuesday).

The Poultry Workers are organizing and will soon apply for an A. F. of L. charter.

Never does a meeting pass lately without the Oakland "Disaster Plan" bobbing up. In response to a question Secretary Spooner stated he has written to the city council "requesting that an amendment be added to the "Disaster" ordinance specifically stating that the plan does not apply to any labor troubles."

The Labor Crusader, a local free lance paper, came in for some severe criticism from the delegates from the Public Works and Unemployed Union and the Grocery Clerks. This publication attacks, seemingly at random, the policies of the Labor Council, whether reactionary or progressive; it persistently attacks the PWUU and in a recent issue ran a full page advertisement of the scab 14th St. Market, a MacMarr store.

Its editor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, according to the PWUU delegate, at one time made an unsuccessful attempt to split that organization.

Due to the holiday period it was voted to adjourn the Council until the first Monday in the new year, January 6.

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.

CHILDREN LEFT DESTITUTE BY WPA KILLINGS

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from the project where he had been water-boy, Layman appeared at the project Monday morning armed with a 30-30 rifle and proceeded calmly to fire at workers who had "picked on him."

Accuses Foreman

Called to the scene, police finally summoned enough nerve to arrest Layman.

"When the foreman poured a shovelful of sand in one of my shoes," he stated after being arrested, "I decided I was going to get back at all of them. I climbed up on a pile of dirt and spotted all the men I wanted to get. If I could have only gotten the rest of those guys that were making life miserable for me, I'd be satisfied."

"Those fellows figured I was just a punk. They used to yell 'shake a leg, water boy.' I stood it as long as I could. I've held better jobs than any of them, but I guess I showed them what kind of a man I am."

Although Layman is obviously insane, police are charging him with six counts of murder in the first degree. Inquest into the deaths will be held tomorrow.

Wives, Kids Hit

Three wives and six children were left dependent by the deaths of the six men, who had been working for \$55 a month. Secret leaves a wife and four children, and Johnson a wife and two children.

The Federal government is reported to pay dependents of the six men approximately \$3500, at the WPA workers' compensation rate of \$55 a month, and is also paying the funeral expenses.

Today on the project, approximately 100 police gathered to intimidate the workers from joining in a protest meeting over their demands for prompt payment of checks, trade union wages, etc.

DEATH-BED STATEMENT IN TRIAL

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case and leave the matter to their decision.

Alfredo Silva, a member of the Scalers' Union, took the stand in the afternoon and testified to the satisfaction of both defense and prosecution, that he was one of the first three men to leave the hall immediately after the employer-inspired "riot" started.

According to Silva, Barca, one of the rats who stated on the witness stand that he saw the four defendants, Francisco Jiminez, Julio Canales, Natalio Villi and Archie Brown, throw Torres out the window, actually left the hall with him.

Silva further stated, that he went across the street after the trouble started and leaned against a fence, faced the Union hall and saw a man climb out of the window, jump onto the marquee, break through the glass and crash bodily to the sidewalk. All efforts of the prosecution to shake his testimony by a searching cross examination failed.

Upon dismissal of the jury, Gallagher asked the court if he could make a statement, and then proceeded to blast the miserable and weak frame-up attempt. The district attorney yelled excitedly for Gallagher to "keep quiet." To which Gallagher answered as equally loud, "This is a deliberate frame-up and these perjurers made statements to the Grand Jury that have proven on cross-examination in this court to be unlike those given previously."

The district attorney then left the courtroom in a white rage, shouting as he left, "Go out and make a soap box speech," to Gallagher.

Unless a motion for the dismissal of the case is granted, the case will go to the jury for deliberation sometime today.

BUZZELL CITED

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tion in a sharp manner at Friday night's council meeting. Last week Buzzell squirmed out of the responsibility by stating that he was only acting under orders from Green.

Green's letter to the Furriers' Union stated that he gave authority to Buzzell to make his own decisions and to perform his own acts. Buzzell was acting as a substitute for Organizer Casey of the A. F. of L. during the latter's illness.

L. A. Will Hold Peace Meet on Sunday, Dec. 22

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Scores of organizations will be represented at the local Congress for Peace to be held all day Sunday, Dec. 22 at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 1/2 W. 24th street.

Delegates to the Third National Congress Against War and Fascism in Cleveland, Jan. 3-4-5, will be elected. Organizations and groups never before involved in anti-war and anti-fascist work will participate in the local meeting.

The Executive Committee of the meeting has requested letters and telegrams of greetings from individuals and organizations not able to participate.

LABOR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS San Diego

RED-BAITERS DEFEATED;
CASEY'S "DICTATORSHIP"
CHALLENGED

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denned in two resolutions presented by the Machinists' local. The resolutions, which pointed out in detail the anti-labor character of these bills, were passed unanimously by the Council. Copies of the resolution were ordered sent to Senators and Congressmen in Washington, D. C.

At the request of Scalers' Union 38-100 of San Francisco, letters protesting the murder trial frame-up of four ship scalers were ordered sent to San Francisco officials.

Red-Baiters Defeated

In an apparent effort by reactionary delegates to divide the progressive forces, a vicious red-baiting resolution was introduced from the Letter Carriers' Union. The resolution denounced the Communist Party "because its members are coming into our unions to destroy them," asserted the Letter Carriers had voted they are "against Communism and Communist principles" and that the Letter Carrier delegates are instructed to "vote against any Communist motion in the Federated Trades." The Letter Carriers requested the resolution be spread on the minutes of the Council. Progressive delegates state this resolution is a counter attack to the recent fight by the majority of the Council against the policies of the Labor Leader.

Attached to the resolution was a recommendation from the Resolutions Comm. for "non-concurrence" and a substitute resolution "that the secretary of the Letter Carriers be requested to present written charges against any known disruptors." Delegate Bill Coffey of the Laborers' union moved adoption of the resolution committee's report, stating "this is the same old attempt to divide the labor movement by raising the red scare." His motion carried overwhelmingly, with only one delegate voting "no."

Secretary Rogers announced that a "gentlemen's agreement" has been reached with the Exposition officials providing for the hiring of union building tradesmen on all Exposition construction work. Rogers also read a telegram from Joseph Casey, state A. F. of L. organizer, which stated, "You are hereby instructed to stop injunction proceedings against Exposition." Council delegates were indignant at the peremptory tone of the wire and challenged Casey's authority to issue such orders.

According to reports, Ed Dowell of the Projectionists' local and other reactionaries earlier in the week sent a telegram to Casey urging that he take action to prevent the Labor Council going to court to force the Exposition grounds open, free to the public. A motion was passed to wire Joe Casey to the effect that if he thinks he is representing San Diego, he had better get down here at once. The Regional Congress Against War and Fascism to be held in Los Angeles December 22, was endorsed without opposition. Sec. Rogers and Pres. Steinmetz were elected delegates. A telegram was also read requesting Rogers to act as chairman at the Congress and to make the closing speech.

Green's Circular Letter

A circular letter from William Green against Industrial Unionism was read to the Council. The letter specifically instructs all Central Labor body officials and officers of Federal Unions to carry out the decisions of the National Convention in opposing Industrial Unionism. According to a motion, the letter will be printed in the

45 Organizations Back Alameda County Move to Build Mass Labor Party

Handbill Men Ask Federal Charter For E. Bay Union

WILL DEMAND RAISE IN
WAGES AND OVERTIME
FROM EMPLOYERS

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 18.—This city is the first in America where distributors of advertising matter have organized into a union. A group of these workers have met several times and recently voted to apply to the American Federation of Labor for a Federal Union charter.

In San Francisco it is reported these workers also are attempting to organize and one of the most active men has been blacklisted by the Blum, Atlas and Winkelman Advertising Agencies of that city.

The Oakland Local has set up the following declaration of principles which will be presented to the bosses as soon as the charter is received: 1) Increase in hourly rate of pay; 2) Increase of hours of work; 3) Time and a half for overtime, Sundays and holidays; 4) Reinstatement of any worker who has been or may be discharged for union activities.

Rotten Conditions.

Conditions of work in this field are nothing less than slavery. Men are forced to start work as early as 5 a. m. Men are expected to put out not less than 1200 pieces of advertising in eight hours—which means they must climb at least 1000 flights of stairs.

The pay at present is 30 cents per hour and some distributors pay as little as 25 cents per hour. Time is figured from the moment the men actually start putting ads on the porches and often the men lose from one to two hours' time riding around in the truck as the various gangs are placed. Some distributors make the men carry the heavy bags on street-cars from headquarters to the starting point. In Oakland there is an ordinance against distributing until after 7 a. m. but the distributors just wink at that. If the police enforced this law many more men would be put to work as it would probably eliminate the school boys who now start out at about 3 a. m. These boys are usually about ten years of age or older.

OAKLAND UNIT FILLS QUOTA BEFORE THE DRIVE BEGINS

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—The comrades here are taking this WESTERN WORKER financial drive seriously. Unit 7 in Central Oakland has already filled its quota, three weeks before the drive officially opened.

One week after their quota was set at \$12.50 they reported they had already gone over the top, and in addition have set themselves a goal of 25 new subscribers to be gotten in their concentration points.

This is a mark for every unit in the District of California, Arizona and Nevada to shoot at.

L. A. City Council Okays War Program

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—By unanimous vote, the City Council yesterday gave its assent to the militaristic program of the Federal government.

The council pledged itself to deed a four-and-one-half acre pest house site on Chavez Ravine road, near the Figueroa tunnel in the south end of Griffith Park, to the United States government if and when it allocates \$1,000,000 for a naval reserve armory.

The motion was made by Councilman Darwin W. Tate, and passed with even the Epic councilmen voting for it.

Labor Leader so members can answer the false arguments contained in it.

A motion was passed that a letter be sent to the Whitney Co., local department store, protesting against their stock of German made goods.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, because of Christmas.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BASED ON NEEDS OF WORKERS

The tremendous vote pulled by Upton Sinclair and by Anita Whitney in the state elections last year indicated a definite mass break away from the two old time political parties and demonstrated there is a basis in California for the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party.

In Oakland, on September 1, a conference for the building of an Alameda County Labor Party was held. Delegates and observers from 45 organizations were present. Trade unions, fraternal organizations, unemployed unions, students and political groups—all of these came together for the purpose of uniting on those issues behind which all could stand.

A Declaration of Principles drawn up at this conference called for 100 per cent unionization, for support of union strikes for higher wages and better working conditions; for the right to organize strike and picket; for adequate old-age pensions and adequate unemployment insurance; and for the payment of union scale wages on all government relief projects.

A Continuities Committee was elected whose duty was to contact organizations, issue publicity and take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of the Declaration of Principles.

On December 8, a second Conference for the building of an Alameda County Labor Party was held. This meeting was attended by more delegates than the first and showed that there is a slow but well-grounded movement for a United Front Labor Party growing in Oakland and the surrounding territory.

In the founding of the Labor Party, four issues are receiving particular attention. These are: A trade union base; inclusion of all workers' organizations; a minimum program based on immediate needs; and rank and file control.

Thousands of wage earners in Alameda County are becoming disillusioned with the Republican Party, the Democratic Party and the failure of the New Deal policies adequately to raise the standard of living of employed and unemployed workers. With the realization that all the major political parties represent and carry out the wage cutting policies of the large industrialists, it becomes imperative for the workers at this time to build a Labor Party, with a Trade Union base, an organization that will struggle for the immediate needs of the working people of this County.

We have laid the foundation in Alameda County for a Labor Party of the workers, controlled by the workers. We are uniting our forces to resist the organized attacks of the industrialists, bankers and large employers. Every worker has one interest in common: that of obtaining a higher standard of living. Only through the united action of all workers and their allies without discrimination, can we maintain a solid front against the large employers, get this necessary standard, and preserve our Constitutional rights.

Trade Unions

To include the participation in our Labor Party Conferences of all Trade Unions not already involved, with special emphasis upon those unions which are largest and in the basic industries. To obtain the endorsement of all Councils which are composed of delegates from Alameda County Trade Unions. To defeat all anti-labor ordinances and laws. To stop the growth of company unions. To support unions' strikes. For the right of all workers to organize, strike and picket. For the 100 per cent unionization of workers in Alameda County.

Unemployed

To secure the active participation in the Labor Party of all unemployed organizations. To further the organizing of the unemployed for the payment of the union scale of wages on all Government relief jobs and on Public Works projects. For the payment of adequate unemployment insurance and old-age pensions as proposed in the National Lunden Bill H. R. 2827, and in the California State Pelletier Bill A. B. 791.

We believe in artistic and academic freedom in all fields. We

are for the Marcantonio Veterans' bonus bill. We are opposed to discrimination against racial minorities. In order to fight against war; to defeat the anti-labor propaganda of the Hearst press, vigilantism, and other fascist forces that threaten the existence of organized labor, we are building a Labor Party of and for all workers. We are forming a powerful united front of workers, liberals, professionals, students, small business men, farmers, fraternal, religious and of all minority groups believing in the rights of the people. The principle of this united front of all labor is to gain those immediate needs for which every worker has given his labor, and to which every worker is entitled. A solid front of all workers is the only answer to their demands!

We resolve to work toward a movement for a State or National Labor Party of a similar character to that which we are organizing.

We hereby elect a Continuities Committee which shall have power to call meetings, take measures against anti-labor actions, publish material in the name of the Conference, and otherwise act for the Conference as a whole. It shall have the duty of organizing a campaign and bringing into the Labor Party all workers' organizations in Alameda County. It shall take special action for contacting all Trade Unions and getting their support and participation in the next Labor Party Conference.

The powers of the Continuities Committee are bound by this Declaration of Principles, and its acts are subject to the approval of succeeding Conferences. The participation of any organization in the Labor Party shall not in any way obligate the Labor Party to select candidates from such organizations.

The Continuities Committee shall be instructed to call another Conference not later than three months from the date of the first one, September 1, 1935. If at any time previous to that date three months from September 1st, it should find it necessary to call a Second Labor Party Conference, the Continuities Committee shall have full authority to issue a call in the name of the Conference and make all necessary arrangements.

WPA WRITERS LAID OFF IN BERKELEY, CAL.

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work, or are to be put to work preparing a sort of Chamber of Commerce bulletin to be known as the American Guide.

Today, all unknown to Mr. Cronin, the San Francisco News announces all writers' projects are to be merged under the American Guide job—and sixteen writers are to lose their jobs.

The affair is typical of WPA procedure and in itself is sufficient explanation why WPA and relief workers all over the country are learning the lessons of organization—are joining unions and are preparing to struggle for decent living conditions.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 17.—It was put over very quietly and National Guard officers are very happy about it.

A large and expensive armory construction program is part and a large part of the WPA program in South Dakota. Armories are definitely planned for Aberdeen, Yanktown, Watertown, Pierre and Sturgis. The plans were put across under the guise that armories could be used for municipal auditoriums.

Costs of the armories will range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Meanwhile farmers are going without relief checks and workers are forced to live in miserable hovels.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Payless for several weeks, WPA workers staged demonstrations throughout the entire state over the weekend. In some places food orders were won, in other cities partial payment was forthcoming. At Randolph, more than 130 workers practically took possession of the town hall in voicing their demands.

BOYCOTT HEARST ADVERTISERS!

FOREIGN NEWS

Briefs

Canadian 'Recovery' War Industry Busy Japanese Deficit Submarine Raised Jewish Ghetto

OTTAWA, Can.—(FP)—Canadian consumers celebrated a dubious "recovery" by tightening their belts another 12 per cent, judging by a comparison of grocery and meat sales for May to September this year compared with the same period in 1933.

The index of sales of these items averaged 72.0 during the 1935 period, compared to 71.0 for the same months of 1933. Taking into consideration a natural increase of population of about 1.4 per cent a year, and an 8 per cent to 10 per cent rise in food prices, a substantial decrease in the volume of consumption is indicated.

LONDON, England.—(FP)—The British war industry is humming as it has not hummed since the armistice, according to a series of articles appearing in the London Daily Herald, Labor Party organ.

Sheffield armament plants, which for years have been working only two or three days a week, are now busy day and night with three full shifts, the paper reports. Sheffield steel output has reached record levels, and new steel casting plants are planned. Alloys are being sought to extend the lives of machineguns by a year. One plant is busy 24 hours a day making steel shields for tanks and warships.

TOKYO, Japan.—The Japanese budget provides for a deficit of 680,000,000 yen during the next fiscal year, with expenditures totalling 2,243,000,000 yen. About half of the total goes to the navy and army, although supplemental appropriations will raise the amount.

Takahashi, finance minister, bitterly criticized demands for increased military expenditures as being beyond the power of Japan.

MOSCOW.—The Soviet ship salvaging agency, Epron, has raised the Crab, a submarine sunk seventeen years ago, from a depth of 220 feet in the Black Sea. One of the divers was caught in an underwater earthquake and buried to his pits in sand but was pulled to safety.

Since it began operations, Epron has rescued more than 200 ships.

WARSAW, Poland.—Creation of a Jewish "ghetto" in Poland was brought closer as a result of an order directing Jews at the Lwow Tech. School to be seated separately in classes. This is regarded as a great victory by the fascist anti-Semites who have provoked many riots in the past few months.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—Increasing Communist sentiment in Brazil is worrying the government, as is shown in a recent order requiring radio stations to broadcast every ten minutes a series of phrases gotten up by the education department. A committee to amend the constitution, by abolishing civil liberties, has been appointed to facilitate the legal persecution of Communists.

Kids Become Cops EL CENTRO PREPARES Italy Plan Adopted

EL CENTRO, Calif.—The formation of a boys' police force in El Centro marks somewhat of a departure from the course of action followed by local self-termed "patriotic" groups. Formerly it was their habit to use original or "American" forms of treatment such as the club, lash, and kidnapping method. Now they are turning to the problem of propagandizing and indoctrinating the youth.

It is not difficult to find a counterpart of this practice abroad—in Italy Mussolini makes the youth a part of the army at an early age in order to instill devotion, while in Imperial Valley the sheriff clothes boys of 12 to 14 years in uniforms and makes them a part of the police force.

Of just what practical use they will be now it is rather hard to say, but given another 5 or 6 years they will fit into the shipper-grower dream of Imperial Valley quite well. The vigilante group is seeing to it that they will never be short of thugs or strikebreakers in an emergency.

Masses Must Be Organized for Daily Struggle in U.S.A.

WILL SOMEONE CUT A MELON ON EAST BAY PARK PROJECT?

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 19.—Much has been heard of late of the East Bay "regional park project," located in the Berkeley Hills and comprising thousands of acres of land owned by the East Bay Municipal Water Utilities District.

Ex-governor Pardee, head of the Utility District, is a bitter opponent of this project. It seems that a large real estate syndicate wants these acres for a speculative development. They see them as a nice melon, and think it should be cut up among "the boys."

However, the Federal government has come along with two million dollars of WPA funds to develop the area as a park. After months of wrangling, the water district agreed to lease the land to the park board for one year, so the Government can develop it. After roads and other improvements are built into the tract the people will be asked to vote a bond issue of over a million dollars to buy this public land from their water district and give it to their park board.

If the bond issue falls through the water district keeps the land

and is free to sell it to any private interests.

Five thousand WPA workers will do this development with picks and shovels. Central Labor Council Delegate Roberts, of the Engineers' Union, who is a member of the park board, boasts that all machinery will be scrapped so far as this job is concerned. The workers will get \$55 per month of 120 hours. This is much below the union scale of wages.

The water district holds the land at \$350 an acre—if they sell to the park board. However, a 40-acre tract was recently sold to Chief of Police Wallman of Oakland at \$40, and a local financier got another 40 acres at \$35.

Roberts has also revealed that certain choice areas will be leased to the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and "other organizations." He has refused to say who the "other organizations" are.

The park board has planned the road work on this project; but the job will be supervised by city engineers, the park board, the water district and the WPA.

Practically anything can happen with that many bosses on a job.

The report of Earl Browder to the Central Committee plenum in November, from which we reprint these excerpts, which have special bearing on problems in District 13, is published in full in the December issue of the "Communist," theoretical organ of the Communist Party. Study of the full reports is indispensable to a thorough understanding of how to adapt the Comintern decisions to American life and conditions.

Will Roosevelt Turn To the 'Right' or To the 'Left'?

EXCERPTS FROM BROWDER'S REPORT TO THE C.C.

III.

The Farmer-Labor Party is a question of gathering the forces of the toiling masses for the daily struggles for bread, for wages, for relief and insurance, for democratic rights, against the rising tides of reaction. This is a struggle which cannot be postponed, except at the cost of a shameful surrender to fascism, at the cost of a shattering of living standards, the wiping out of all organizations of labor, even trade unions, and a period of terror and reaction in America.

Opponents of the Farmer-Labor Party argue: But look at the menacing fascist combination of the American Liberty League, Hearst, etc., all around the Republican Party. This most reactionary camp attacks Roosevelt and the New Deal from the right, even more sharply than towards those on the left, even calling him a Communist. Don't you see that the Farmer-Labor Party now will play into the hands of the Old Guard, of the Grand Old Party of Reaction? No, they say, we must instead rally around Roosevelt, unsatisfactory as he is, as the only bulwark against reaction and fascism.

Aims of Reactionaries

It is true that the most reactionary capitalist circles have formed a combination to the right of Roosevelt and fight against his administration in the sharpest way. In this they are guided by three main aims:

First, they want to prepare an alternative administration more right, more openly fascist, more able to attack the living standards of the masses. Two, they want to force Roosevelt more to the right, to abandon even more the promises of social security, and, of course, they are determined that these should never be granted. Their efforts to move Roosevelt to the right have met with good success. Third, they want to discredit the Socialists and Communists by identifying them in the public mind with the shameful New Deal, while themselves, having already nabbed the profits of the New Deal, clear their own skirts of the whole responsibility for it and divert the disillusionment of the masses towards the right into the channels of semi-fascist and fascist reaction against Roosevelt.

Can the toiling masses defeat these three main aims of the Liberty League, by coming to the support of Roosevelt? No, that is impossible. Even the recent A. F. of L. convention had to register the fact of growing reaction, political oppression, misery, starvation now under Roosevelt. The very non-radical John L. Lewis, after the convention, found it necessary to issue the threat of a national general strike to halt the increasing murder of striking miners in the Southern cities. The basis of Mr. Roosevelt's administration was supported by this leading force to fascism and reaction. It is precisely now that from leaning to the left Roosevelt moves more to the right, to the way outlined by the dictates of the camp which attacks him most sharply. We cannot fight against reaction by supporting Roosevelt, when his whole strategy of fighting against reaction consists in making one concession after another to it, and who maintains not one single fixed struggle against the right.

Broad Farmer-Labor Party

Every new event and argument brought forward emphasizes the analysis made by our Party and the tasks of the labor movement worked out on that basis. This means, in the first place, it is necessary to turn all our energies to the central task of the period—to the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party in every town and city, in every state and in the whole nation in preparation for the election struggles and for the decisive election of 1936.

What are the next steps towards the Farmer-Labor Party? We must say that the tempo and speed with which we are moving towards bringing the Farmer-Labor Party

Communists to Speed Building a Farmer-Labor Party

into existence throughout the country is at present very unsatisfactory. If we continue to lag behind in this work, we will soon create a grave danger to the movement. It is becoming a question of primary importance to speed up the first stages of building the Farmer-Labor Party everywhere. This requires in the first place a serious improvement in the quality of our work. In the first place, it requires improvement of our agitation for the Farmer-Labor Party. Having convinced our Party members of the need of such a Party, we have shown the tendency that this question is closed and needs no further discussion.

But the question is not closed and we have yet to convince the masses without whom the Farmer-Labor Party will continue to be nothing but a wish and not a reality. It is necessary to take up the task of bringing them the firm convictions we have. We must answer all the arguments of our opponents. We must show how the difficulties can be overcome. We must show this in terms of the daily life of each locality, industry and group of people with whom we are dealing at the particular moment.

We need to carry on a systematic campaign for the Farmer-Labor Party into every mass organization, create discussions, have issues raised in many ways, and, finally, crystallize support into resolutions supporting the Farmer-Labor Party. Such a resolution should always include a series of decisions directed towards bringing that organization into cooperation with others for creating groups of specially active members and delegates charged with the responsibility for developing the issue of the Farmer-Labor Party.

Work in Old Party Clubs

There is no reason for not carrying such work into the neighborhood clubs, into Republican and Democratic clubs. Our comrades, when they come to the door of a Republican or Democratic club, draw back as though there were a sign on the door "Small-pox, keep out!" But the Farmer-Labor Party will be created by the people whom you will get out of such parties, or never created at all. Even occasionally leaders will have to be taken. We must turn all energies with this in view.

This is especially true of organizations that show discontent with the official line of the old parties, such as a Sinclair's Epic, the "Share-the-Wealth," the Townsend Plan, the Union for Social Justice, etc. The Sinclair idea that it is possible to reform the Democratic Party, must, of course, be fought, but this must not lead us to think it is useless to change the ideas of individual members, and even their local membership, organizations as a whole.

Special attention must be paid to the existing farmer organizations, especially those that contain poor and middle farmers. This is a rich field for the work for the Farmer-Labor Party.

Partial Demands

The thing which must especially be emphasized is the need of linking up our slogans for partial demands with the support of the struggles for partial demands that the farmers are carrying on under slogans different from ours. This is an essential development of the struggles for the united front among the farmers. Large numbers of farmers, especially the middle farmers, are interested in the question of higher prices for farm products. There is a popular demand among the farmers for legislation that would secure to them the "cost of production." The Massingale Bill now before Congress seeks to embody this popular demand. We cannot take a completely negative attitude towards this bill. We must eliminate sections of this bill and make amendments and try to unify the struggle of the workers and farmers on the issue of better prices for the farmers and lower prices for the workers.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

POLICE AIDED KLANSMEN IN FLORIDA TAR AND FEATHERING

(Special from Daily Worker.)

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 18.—The flogging of the three workers here, which resulted in the death of John Shoemaker, was engineered and carried out by the police in cooperation with the Ku Klux Klan. The chief of detectives knew of the plot ahead of time and police cars were used to abduct the men.

These facts were revealed by a Daily Worker correspondent as seven policemen were suspended from the force, not for their part in the fatal flogging of the men, but merely for raiding the meeting where the workers were arrested.

The daily press was exposed in lies to the effect that the three workers, Sam G. Rogers, E. F. Poulnot and John Shoemaker, local leaders of the Workers' Alliance, were seized as they were freed from police headquarters, and that they were abducted by a masked band.

The victims were never released by the police. Poulnot and Rogers were forced from the third degree room into a waiting police car. It is reported on very reliable authority that Shoemaker was beaten and

slugged right in the police station.

As the unfortunate workers were being taken from the jail a crowd of people gathered around. Poulnot shouted for help, and as the crowd gathered closer, they were told—"He's crazy, we're taking him to the insane asylum."

Poulnot was taken away to the woods first where he was severely beaten. Shoemaker was taken out next, but he was led back in again when the crowd persisted in hanging around. Examination showed that Shoemaker received a terrific blow on his head. He was a huge man weighing 230 pounds and it is believed that the police beat him up in the station.

The men had been taken to the police station "for questioning on Communist activities." They were seized while at a meeting of the Modern Democrats. The meeting was being held in the house of a matron of the city jail, who had volunteered the use of her place.

People all over the country have been urged to prevent a whitewashing of the case, by sending protests to Mayor Chace of Tampa, Governor Scholtz of Florida, and President Roosevelt.

COLLEGIANS IN ANTI-WAR POLL AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 14.—It's thumbs down against War at the San Diego State College. Last week in a poll taken at the college, in which 70 per cent of the students voted, two out of four war issues were defeated by "no" votes, and the one favoring strict neutrality, won a majority of "yes" votes.

The four issues, with the official votes cast, were:

1. Do you think an increase in armaments is advisable at this time? YES, 204; NO, 147.
2. Do you favor compulsory military education? YES, 66; NO, 282.
3. Would you bear arms in any war which the U. S. might declare? YES, 129; NO, 232.
4. Do you favor national isolation through strict neutrality legislation? YES, 240; NO, 111.

Ninety-five per cent of the vote was taken by men students, although the ballot was open to both sexes.

Two Workers Killed In Quarry Accident

SUPERIOR, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Two workers were killed yesterday in a slide of rocks in the Magma mine here. One died instantly; the other lived but two hours.

Fellow workers blame the company's lack of precaution for the accident which claimed the lives of William Vega and Juan J. Sandoval.

SHARECROPPERS VOICE NOW IN PRINTED FORM

MEMPHIS.—(FP)—The Sharecroppers Voice, organ of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, hitherto mimeographed, appears in printed form with the December issue. It announces a special edition for the 2nd annual convention of the union to be held in the Labor Temple, Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 3-5.

The Sharecroppers Voice is published at \$1 a year monthly at Memphis, P. O. Box 5215.

Workers' Enemy JOHN BONAMI A Disrupter

OAKLAND.—John Bonami has long been a source of annoyance to comrades and militant, active workers in the East Bay. Although claiming to be a Communist, he has no connection with the Communist Party, except to slander and abuse the Party and its leadership in the most irresponsible manner. Recently he joined Local No. 6 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union in Oakland and in his usual disruptive manner has managed to do considerable damage to this local, allying himself with other misguided people under his influence.

At the present time he is engaged in carrying around a "petition" to the Central Committee of the Party, containing wild, unsubstantiated charges and vicious lies against the East Bay and district leadership of the Party. He is trying to get non-Party workers in Oakland and San Francisco to sign it, and is making the rounds of PWU locals and waterfront unions to spread this misleading anti-Party propaganda, which plays into the hands of all enemies of the working class. Party members and all militant workers must isolate and expose this dangerous type of disruption.

East Bay Section Committee, Communist Party, Dist. No. 13.

Schneiderman Talks At Oakland Center

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—Comrade William Schneiderman, district organizer of the Communist Party, was the guest speaker at the official opening of the Workers' Center here Saturday, Dec. 14.

An appeal was made for the Western Worker drive and \$52 was collected in cash and pledges. The program was under the auspices of the Western Worker Press Committee.

The Press Committee is planning a New Year's celebration in Danish Hall, with plenty of feature entertainment.

FINANCIAL DRIVE QUOTAS FOR EAST BAY LISTED

The annual drive for the WESTERN WORKER sustaining fund opens January 1. The quota for the entire District, comprising California, Arizona and Nevada, is \$7500. Success of the drive, both as to finances and circulation, means an 8-page paper.	7	12.50
Here are the quotas, unit by unit, for the Communist Party in the East Bay:	TOTAL	\$47.50
	WAREHOUSE UNIT:	
	No. 1	\$10.00
	BERKELEY:	
	No. 1	12.50
	" 3	10.00
	" 4	20.00
	" 5	10.00
	TOTAL	\$52.50
	HAYWARD	\$17.50
	TOTAL	\$175.00
	Total to be raised through Units	\$175.00
	Special edition of Western Worker	50.00
	Remaining amount to be raised through general Section affairs	125.00
	TOTAL	\$350.00
	CENTRAL OAKLAND:	
	No. 1	\$15.00
	" 2	10.00
	" 3	10.00
	" 5	12.50
	TOTAL	\$47.50
	CENTRAL OAKLAND:	
	No. 2	\$15.00
	" 4	10.00
	" 6	10.00

EAST OF THE Rockies

Longshore Victory Pa. Greyhound Lines 'Red Salute' Picketed Herndon Greeted WPA Union Wages

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Union longshoremen in New York have been upheld in their right to refuse to handle goods brought in by non-union teamsters and truck drivers. The decision, regarded as having far-reaching significance, was handed down by the New York state court of appeals. Counsel for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the New York Merchants' Association and other boss bodies have announced they will appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—The Pennsylvania Greyhound Lines, Inc., got cracked right on its slyder nose when the National Labor Relations Board ruled it must reinstate five workers fired for union activity, dissolve its company union and cease interfering with its workers' right to bargain collectively. The company is reported to have scoffed at the decision, the first under the Wagner Labor Disputes Act, and to have stated it will follow the board's decision only when forced to by court decree.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—The Newspaper Guild's black-and-white picket line in front of Harlem's Amsterdam News, augmented Friday and Saturday evenings to mass proportions, was strengthened as word came out that negotiations for sale of the paper to interests favorable to unionization had fallen through. The present owners' lock-out of 15 editorial employees for guild activity was followed by a militant counter-offensive which has reduced circulation by half.

PATERSON, N. J.—(FP)—Three high school students were arrested and several persons were clubbed by police for picketing a theater showing Red Salute, film which attacks the progressive student movement and glorifies vigilante action. The film is also being picketed in New Orleans and other cities by anti-Fascist groups.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Angelo Herndon, freed temporarily at least from the clutches of the Georgia chain gang, was greeted by 3000 workers when he arrived in New York's Pennsylvania station from the south. Herndon was released on \$8000 bail when a Georgia judge decided that the 1866 insurrection law, under which the young Negro had been arrested for organizing unemployed, was unconstitutional.

CINCINNATI.—(FP)—A 11 skilled workers on PWA jobs in Cincinnati will receive prevailing union wages as a result of a settlement of a dispute between the U. S. Employment Service and the Building Trades Council.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—The workers' cost of living advanced .5 per cent in November over the preceding month, the National Industrial Conference Board has revealed. Living costs in November were 4.3 per cent over a year ago and 17.9 per cent over April, 1933.

COUNCIL BACKS MEBA IN FIGHT FOR AGREEMENT

STRIKE THREATENED ON ISTHMIAN LINE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Full concurrence was given the Marine Engineers' Association in their fight for an agreement with the Isthmian Lines, by the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, at its regular weekly meeting.

The Engineers and the Radio Operators, who are also fighting for recognition, agreed to release the four Isthmian ships now tied up, to grant the Pacific Coast representative of the company a chance to contact the home office in New York. Unless an answer is received by Friday, the ships will be tied up again.

A committee elected by the District Council to negotiate with owners of the garbage scows operating out of Oakland, reported considerable progress towards a settlement.

The District Council Sports Committee reported successful progress in the setting up of a recreational center on the waterfront for the benefit of the maritime workers.

Rip Tides

By Le Mae.

From the moment you step into the crowded little courtroom you sense the open hostility of the "court," (you even sense the deliberate selection of such a tiny courtroom as an effort to turn away spectators, "for lack of room"). . . . "Labor" cases are not popular with San Francisco jurists.

As just an average citizen you take your seat and you gaze at the four defendants . . . and you turn to the state's star witness, on the stand. . . . "He looks more like the criminal than they do," you muse . . . again you turn to the defendants . . . how unusual, how different they seem from the people you have seen on trial for "murder."

There is no fear written on their faces . . . their heads are high. "Look more like the jury than jury itself" . . . as you gaze across to where the seven men and five women sit with heavily portrayed sense of righteousness. . . . Your eyes are drawn to the judge in "system" inspired awe. For a moment you picture him as that stalwart "defender of justice" . . . at least that was the impression of a judge you were given when you went to school.

You follow the scornful gaze of the defendants to the stand where the "star witness" is floundering in a maze of contradiction as he "forgets" in a most obvious manner. . . . Half amused you think aloud. . . . "Certainly is a weak case the state has against the defendants" . . . instinctively you turn again to the jury . . . surely they are of the same opinion.

That young lady, so interested in her daintily-manicured fingertips; wonder how she happens to be on the jury . . . she doesn't seem a bit interested . . . and that fellow in the back row; seems more like a retired prosperous A.A.A. farmer. . . . For the first time you notice the real composition of the jury . . . why, there is not a single worker sitting there.

Who picked the jury? . . . why are there no workers there? . . . you ask yourself in wonderment . . . and that prosecutor seems to be attempting to create an atmosphere of terror against the defendants. . . . And why do they have five big, burly officers in the courtroom? . . . is it to overawe the jury? . . . certainly those men facing trial do not seem the least bit inclined to "run."

While you sit there in silent contemplation it hits you clearly there is something underlying . . . something that doesn't quite click . . . suddenly, from behind you comes a throaty, low murmur. "Aw, what chance has a working stiff got?"

That's it, "working stiff" . . . that's the answer . . . that explains the inexplicable feeling aroused in you as you watch the trial unfold. The "working stiff" is on trial "for breaking the law" . . . those four men are on trial for actually being "Workers". . . . But why? you ask yourself momentarily, why are they on trial?

The answer comes soon, as the story of the Scalers' bitter strike for decent living conditions is sprang across the court records by an indifferent recording clerk. As you leave the courtroom you agree with your back seat acquaintance, "What chance has a working stiff got?"

Two blocks from the ironically named "Hall of Justice" a newsie shouts his wares . . . absent-mindedly you purchase a copy. Three steps from the lad, you discover you have the wrong paper. . . . It says WESTERN WORKER across is . . . and it has a SICKLE AND HAMMER ON IT . . . as you retrace your steps, you note the headlines. . . . "SAILORS, LONGSHOREMEN VOTE WORK STOPPAGE TO PROTEST SCALERS' FRAME-UP."

Your mind reverts to that courtroom scene . . . with a feeling of strength and enthusiasm, you unfold the paper full length. . . . Uh, "I have the right paper, after all."

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Analysis of First Nine Months of 1935 Shows Enormous Profits But Decline in Living Standard of Workers

The capitalist class fared far better than workers and consumers in such recovery as is reflected in various indexes for first nine months of this year as compared with like period last year. Here are some of the major items in the picture which shows relative increases for the January-October period, 1935, compared with the same period last year:

- 1—Net profits of manufacturing concerns rose 32%; 44% for a list of 64 major industrial "leaders."
- 2—Prices of listed common stock on New York Stock Exchange were up 17%.
- 3—Index of manufacturing production rose 7.1%.
- 4—Payrolls (total of all wages paid) in manufacturing, mining, transportation, building, retail trade and various service industries combined, advanced 6.8%.
- 5—Chain Stores sales increased 4.5%.
- 6—Department Store sales increased 4.4%.
- 7—Employment in manufacturing industries was up only 2.5%.

Employment increase, if any, would be lower for the combined industries (noted in No. 4) for some of which, however, employment figures are not available. We do know that employment in retail stores and telephone and telegraph, for example, declined fractionally while in anthracite coal it dropped as much as 9.4%. Further evidence of what has happened to the masses as consumers during the same period appears in the following decrease items, all from the records of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

Butter
Butter consumption in the U.S. during the first nine months of this year fell 7% below the level of like period last year.

Dairies
Dairy products as a whole, including butter, cheese, condensed milk and evaporated milk, revealed a consumption 5% below the first nine months of last year.

Pork
Pork and Lard consumption was 30.2% below the 1934 nine-month total. Consumption of beef dropped 6.2% for the same period. Total meat consumption for September alone was about 13% below a year ago.

Retail Food
Retail food prices for two weeks ended October 22 jumped nearly 1% more and were then over 38% above the Roosevelt inauguration level in 1933. (Figures of U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.)

Eggs
Eggs: In its monthly report for November, "Agricultural Situation" U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics declares that "current consumption (of eggs) is proving somewhat disappointing, the trade output of some of the larger mar-

kets in October registering a small decrease under that of the same month last year." Price increases are regarded as "probably responsible" for the drop in consumption.

Rent
Rents advanced 0.8% from September to October, resulting in an increase of 9.5% over October, 1934. Since January, 1934, when they were lowest, they have risen 15.9%. These figures are from the conservative compilations of the National Industrial Conference Board.

Shoes
Shoe prices are expected to advance sharply very shortly. Shoes retailing at about \$3 are to be advanced 40 cents to 60 cents and those at \$6 and more from 50 cents to 75 cents or more. Leading shoe retailers and manufacturers estimate that the shoe bill of the American public will be boosted by \$100,000,000 in 1936.

"Prices of all kinds of leather goods will have to be advanced soon because of sharp increase in raw materials, brought about in part by war preparations throughout the world, the Tanners Council of America said in a statement yesterday. Leather prices are higher because boots are marching and drilling as war scares and military preparations have grown." (New York Herald-Tribune, November 20, 1935.)

CORRECTION
SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 15. An article printed in a recent issue of the WESTERN WORKER was written in such a manner that the reader might have gotten the impression certain trade union organizations of this city officially had protested against the passage of a drastic anti-leaflet ordinance. The protest actually was made by the Conference Against War and Fascism to which these organizations sent delegates. This was specified in the written protest sent out by the Conference and was further clarified by the Conference organizer at the City Council meeting. The WESTERN WORKER is always glad to correct mistakes or misinterpretations, which are bound to creep into any newspaper.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.



"Officer, arrest that horse for subversive activity!"

APPEAL OF EAST BAY PRESS COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZATIONS

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COMRADES AND FRIENDS:

The task of the WESTERN WORKER Press Committee (East Bay) to raise \$350 as the East Bay quota is not an easy one, considering the unemployment, and the low wages of those who are employed.

For this reason we appeal to all of the readers and friends of the WESTERN WORKER to intensify their efforts to secure donations. All the affairs which are planned as a part of the drive for the East Bay can only be successful if all of the readers, friends, and comrades will cooperate.

It will not be too much to ask of all of the sympathetic mass organizations to plan their contributions to the WESTERN WORKER drive independently, and not to wait for the approach of the press committee.

This special East Bay Edition of the WESTERN WORKER is printed to help the campaign and help to popularize our paper among the East Bay residents.

FORWARD—TO A BIGGER CIRCULATION OF OUR MILITANT PRESS!

PRESS COMMITTEE.
By Chairman.

Loggers Strike Against Using Unfair Flour

SULTAN, Washington.—Support of the striking employees of the Chamber of Commerce fostered, open shop, Fishers Flour Mills, reached a new height when 250 workers of the Miller Logging Company here walked out on strike along with the union cook and his two assistants, because they were forced to use Fisher flour in the camp kitchen.

At a special meeting called by Robert Donaldson, president of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union, Local 2614, the 250 members voted unanimously to strike until the company foreman, Joe Zach, rescinded his orders to Carl Anderson, camp cook, to use "Fisher flour or get out."

Anderson "got" and the union cook and two assistants called in

World Trade Still Floundering in the Depression Gutter

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—According to latest figures of "Analyst" (November 15, 1935) international trade continues in a state of stagnation. In August, last month for which world figures are available, it "showed a downward tendency, after due allowance for normal seasonal trends." The revised adjusted index for that month stood at 34.4 per cent of the 1928 average, against 36 in July, "while preliminary estimates place the September figure at about 33.6, or the lowest since last December. The marvel is that trade holds up as well as it does."

from Seattle also quit as soon as they learned the situation. The 250 loggers followed them.

EAST BAY JOBLESS UNION IS A REAL FORCE IN COMMUNITY; STRUGGLES WON RECOGNITION

Unity With A. F. of L. Established, With Fraternal Delegates on Labor Council; No Struggle Too Small Or Too Large

OAKLAND, Calif.—One year ago last October, a small group of workers organized the first local of the Public Works and Unemployed Union here in the East Bay. Its purpose was to win adjustments of grievances of individual jobless workers through organized action. In December of the same year Locals Two and Three were organized. Today there are 12 functioning locals in Alameda County with a membership of about 2000. Our County Council headquarters are now located in Carpenters' Hall, 763 12th st., Oakland.

Efforts were made very soon after the founding of the PWUU to affiliate it with the American Federation of Labor. Last Spring two fraternal delegates were seated on the Alameda County Central Labor Council. Thus, our county organization was the first in California to gain such recognition.

A.F.L. Support

Since last August our delegate, Mr. Roy R. Noitz, has persistently brought the problems of the unemployed before the Labor Council for consideration. Several hot debates were precipitated on the floor over these questions. Finally, on November 25, the Labor Council voted to appoint a committee for investigation of the WPA and SERA, as well as other relief set-ups.

Mr. Noitz was appointed an ex-officio member of this committee as a representative of the PWUU. Again the Alameda County jobless organization was the first in the state to gain such concrete backing of the A. F. of L.

Early last Spring it was found that so many workers were asking the union to help them with their grievances that the individual locals and the grievance committee of the County Federation were unable to handle them. To meet this condition a "Mass Policy Committee" of elected delegates from each affiliated local was set up. Each local has two delegates for every 25 members on this committee.

Battles Won

With such a committee meeting separately from the Federation body, but under its control, many matters of importance have been handled quickly and in a well organized manner.

The various relief agencies, federal, state and county, have one by one come to recognize our Policy Committee as having the full power of the Unemployed Federation behind it and deal with the group accordingly. Some of the things we have fought for successfully include medical-dental relief for the unemployed; official recognition as a bona-fide union (we were so recognized by the SERA); better conditions on many jobs, and scores of others.

Hundreds of individual cases have been successfully handled by our union. Budget increases

have been won; work assignments, medical care, clothing, etc., etc. have been won for hundreds of families. We have carried these matters to the state relief commission, the county supervisors, and other public officials and commissions.

No Race Prejudice

One more phase of our work. Oakland, having a large Negro population, has many people of this race on relief. Our union prides itself on the absence of racial prejudice from its ranks. There are a number of Negro brothers on our County Council, one of them being vice chairman.

At many of our social affairs fully one-third of the attendance is Negro and there is free mingling of the races in all the activities without the slightest show of race distinction.

With the work of organizing the workers on the WPA jobs well under way we feel that we are on a good, sound basis for the new year.

RED HERRING RUNS AMUCK IN N.Y. TIMES

SOVIET UNION CRITICIZED FOR PREVENTING RAPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The capitalist press is capable of remarkable deductions in linking up events with an eye to influencing public opinion. But seldom do we see a performance of acrobatic reasoning to match the following from the New York Times of Dec. 9:

By The Associated Press. MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—Soviet Russia demonstrated its determination to stamp out opposition to the Stakhanovite movement for increased production with two death sentences and numerous prison terms today. The sentences were handed down by a military tribunal at Berdicheff, the Ukraine, against a group of men convicted of attacking Stakhanovite farm girls as they worked in the field.

It is the customary thing for the Soviets to be accused of creating tornadoes every time they blow their noses. And they can scarcely sweep the streets without being accused of brutally appropriating the rubbish. But to interpret it as an act of oppression because they will not tolerate degenerates roaming rape hungry through the country attacking farm girls, is over-enthusiastic prejudice.

AGAINST OLYMPICS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The recent convention of anthracite miners here passed a resolution against American participation in the Olympic Games in Germany. The miners pointed out that fascism has destroyed all labor unions in Germany.

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San Francisco

CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE.—Auspices Sports and Recreational Committee District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Moose Hall, 1621 Market street. Adm. 35 Cts.

Have You a Date XMAS EVE. If not make one for the ANNUAL BALL of the International Workers Order at 121 Haight street, Tuesday Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Good Music. Lots of fun. Plenty of recreation.

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BENEFIT DINNER GIVEN for Western Worker fund, Sat., Dec. 21st 3rd floor, 121 Haight st. Time 2 p. m. to 12 p. m. Price 35 cts plate, wine included. Entertainment. Auspices Unit 4, Mission.

LOST—LADIES PURSE AT Vietcherka of South Slave held Sunday, Dec. 8th at 779 Vallejo. \$5.00 reward for contents. Return to Western Worker.

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Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p.m. Admission ten cents.

SAT, DEC. 28TH WILL BE the Japan Night (Rodo Shinbun). Watch further announcements.

HELP THE WESTERN WORKER Start the New Year Right. Benefit New Year's Eve Dance, Dec. 31, Cultural Center, 230 South Spring street. Auspices: C. P., Downtown Sub-section.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

By MICHAEL QUIN

Soviet Conquest of the Soil—Films of Modern Russia Will Be Historical Documents Of the Future

PEASANTS—Film produced in the Soviet Union, now showing at the Clay International in San Francisco.

With the advent of the Five Year Plan in the Soviet Union, giant tractors moved across the face of Russia pulling modern plows which turned over the soil as rapidly as the screws of a great steamer churn the ocean. Land undisturbed for generations, gnarled with century old weeds and brush, was plowed up by the giants of mechanized agriculture and fields of yellow wheat were spread where once was wilderness.

Film directors sensed in this a symbol of what was happening through the whole of Russian life. Seldom a picture comes out of Russia that it does not contain several beautiful shots of the mechanized plow combing rapidly through the soil.

This was what happened to the soil of Russia—wealthy wilderness turned into fruitful harvest fields. And this was no less what happened to the minds of the Russian people.

Mechanized Agriculture

Century old ideas had to be uprooted, weeds of private greed had to be pulled, fears and mistrusts that had become inherent through long years of oppression had to be eliminated and replaced with confidence. The sharp plow of new ideas had to cut through the hard-baked crust of ancient prejudice. An agricultural population that thought in terms of individual, personal interests had to be taught to think in terms of collective interests.

It is in the dramatization of this relationship of mechanized agriculture changing the soil of Russia and the mind of Russia at one and the same time, that "Peasants" achieves greatness as a motion picture.

Technique and Ideas

I was about to refer to the film's "technical excellence." Such a rubber stamp is applied to all Soviet films. It needs more than that. The technique of Soviet films was

brilliantly conceived even when they worked with the most out-of-date, inadequate equipment. Great ideas seldom flounder in the minds of men totally devoid of talent. It is the sincerity and conviction of the ideas themselves that force the hands of men to find skill to express them. "Technical excellence" is as natural to the Soviet film as expressive language would be to a great novelist.

Soviet films are made by men who have great convictions and who feel very strongly about the ideas they are trying to express. They are not made by insincere craftsmen trying to grind out celluloid entertainment according to pattern or formula based on estimations of what is good "box office" and what will pander to the whims of public opinion.

Film of the Future

There is nothing tricky or forced about the innovations and new technical methods that are developed in almost every Soviet film. They are dictated by the ideas the director is striving to express, they are invented quite naturally as they become necessary to the expression of a certain mood or atmosphere.

By my remarks, I would not like to give the impression that "The Peasants" is stern, unrelieved seriousness. Surely its portrayal of the role played by the Kulak enemies of the Soviets is tragic and terrible. It dramatizes with merciless realism the psychological struggle of the peasant mind trying to break the chains of tradition that bind it to an ugly past. But it also depicts and records the rich fund of humor that arose from this same psychological transition.

"Peasants" is a significant forward step in the development of the motion picture to a stage where it can perform the same function and enjoy the same intellectual level as the finest works of literature.

It points the way to what the film of the future can be. It points the way toward what the world of the future can be.

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

Ea. Bay I.L.D. Reorganizes—Affair Planned—Student Surrenders

The East Bay Section of the International Labor Defense recently held a general membership meeting at which the section was reorganized and a plan of work laid out involving campaigns for the Christmas Drive for Political Prisoners and their families, freedom of the Criminal Syndicalism Prisoners, release of the four Scalers indicted for murder.

They are holding a carnival on December 28th in Conrad's Hall, 1819 Tenth St., Berkeley, for the purpose of raising funds for the Prisoners' Relief Campaign and the expense of setting up section headquarters. A radio will be given away as a door prize. Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, will speak at the affair.

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Annette Morrow, student, is surrendering shortly to serve 25 days in the Alameda County jail for selling the WESTERN WORKER without a permit. Her case was appealed but her conviction was upheld by the higher court.

In the near future, this column will set forth as fully as possible the devious ways in which police courts operate to prevent permits being issued for distribution of workers' publications and handbills, while mail boxes and hallways are choked, streets littered and street corners obstructed with the literature and advertisements which the capitalist world wants every man and his neighbor to read.

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George Geoffrian was released from Angel Island Monday on bail posted by the I.L.D., leaving Isaac Finkelstein still to be set free pending hearing of deportation charges. Any single person having property, mortgaged or un-mortgaged, who will post it for Finkelstein, is asked to communicate with the I.L.D.

Finkelstein was informed by the officer who took him to Oakland that they were putting all political deportation prisoners in the Ala-

ameda County jail instead of Angel Island, so that they could not advance their political ideas. They kept Finkelstein in the narcotic tank.

These are federal cases and the United States government was paying Alameda County for two hot meals a day for them, but they received only one.

The American Legion, on hearing of their removal to Angel Island, wrote to Washington complaining that they were removed because of I.L.D. protest.

A letter from one of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners in San Quentin, to the East Bay Section, I.L.D., states that they have had very few visitors lately. Take a run over and see them. Visits from the outside mean a lot to them.

A letter enclosing a five dollar contribution has been sent to the Labor and Socialist Defense Committee, organized in New York to secure the prosecution of the Tampa, Florida, vigilantes, who beat and murdered three workers last week.

Also telegrams of protest have been sent to the mayor, the chief of police and the sheriff at Tampa, condemning the outrages and holding these officials morally responsible.

A CORRECTION

In the Labor Defense Front column of our Dec. 16 issue it was reported that the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union of San Francisco had donated a subscription to Time magazine for Louise Todd, (who is now serving 1 to 14 years in Tehachapi on a perjury frame-up) and a copy of The Last Cavalier, as a Xmas present.

The ILGWU took no such action. A group of individual members of the union contributed to a small fund for these presents.

Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

THE COMMUNIST; Vol. XIV, No. 12, December. Price 20c.

"The willingness of the American workers to struggle, their tremendous desire for unity and organization, and their growing dissatisfaction with craft forms of organization and conservative policies and leaders are reflected to a marked degree in the marine industry."

So declared Roy Hudson in a speech delivered at the November Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U. S. A. His speech is given in the December issue of "The Communist." In view of the recent strike in the Gulf, the continued struggle on the West Coast and the fact that the International Seamen's Union of America is holding its national convention in January, Hudson's analysis will bear reading by the waterfront comrades.

He shows conclusively that decisive struggles are ahead. The Gulf strike may be over, temporarily, but the issues are not settled. There is an increasing desire for unity and stronger organization on the East Coast among longshoremen and seamen.

And the Communist Party, still lacking initiative in some sections, is growing in influence among the rank and file. Hudson says that several minor marine union officials in the Gulf actually came to the Party for leadership and advice.

Hudson also points out that all the major campaigns of the Party—the struggle for peace, against fascism and for a mass Farmer-Labor Party can and must be carried into the ranks of the marine unions.

DOSTOIEVSKY "DONE" BY FRENCH

Reviewed by John Broman

LOS ANGELES.—Starkly dramatic in its interpretation but almost completely lacking in social implications, is the French film production of "Crime and Punishment," from the famous novel of Dostoevsky.

Through exceptionally capable and stirring acting by Pierre Blanchar in the leading role of the student, who commits murder to see "would I dare," the film acquires a certain merit as a psychological study, giving American spectators something they rarely see in the Hollywood films.

Incidentally, one can imagine the forthcoming Hollywood production from the same book—a resurrection of the old theme of the "regenerating influence of love."

Next film to be shown at the Grand International Theater, starting Christmas Day, will be the heralded and long-awaited Soviet masterpiece, "The New Gulliver." The largest audiences for a long time are expected to attend the showing of this movie of 5000 puppets.

MRS. WELLS NOW IN HEARST RED HERRING DRAMA

EXPLORER'S WIFE TELLS "ALL" ABOUT RUSSIA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Speaking before an exclusive audience of ladies and gentlemen in Trinity Auditorium last Monday afternoon, Mrs. Carveth Wells, wife of the explorer, told hair-raising stories about the Soviet Union, so terrible that her "modesty" prevented her from telling all of them "to a mixed audience of men and women."

Her stories of "starvation and immorality" and "changing scenery" in the Soviet Union were so grossly exaggerated that the dear old ladies in the audience didn't even applaud. Mrs. Wells spoke with such Hearst-fervor that even a child could tell that she was getting well paid by Hearst and the Chamber of Commerce to tell these lies.

As a matter of fact, it is well known that her husband has declared himself in bankruptcy, and apparently Mrs. Wells, being a "Southern lady," found this an easy way of retrieving a lost fortune.

But Mrs. Wells was not interested in presenting facts, not in appealing to reason, but in capitalizing on the prejudices of her audience.

At one point she screamed hysterically: "I don't care what happens in Russia, but they are bringing Communism into our country. Let them leave our country alone!"

17 MILLION JOBLESS AMERICANS

Government Figures Show Who's Hard Hit

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—According to figures released by the U. S. government, every seventh person in the nation was on relief just prior to the establishment of the WPA.

The great majority of the population of the U. S. lives in the cities.

It is estimated that 68,625,000 persons comprise America's city population, and 54,000,000 persons comprise the rural population.

The greatest number of unemployed are reported in the cities. One person out of every six is on relief or WPA in the cities, whereas the proportion for the country is one in every eight.

Conservative government figures on the number of unemployed in the nation are:

March, 1929 3 millions
March, 1931 8½ millions
March, 1933 15 millions
March, 1935 12 millions

Of the whole working class in America, it is estimated that:

40% per cent are industrial.
30 per cent are white collar.
19½ per cent are farm workers.
9 per cent are domestic servants.

Of all the persons on relief or WPA, it is estimated that:

57 per cent are industrial.
10½ per cent are white collar.
19½ per cent are farm workers.
10½ per cent domestic servants.

From these figures it will be seen that industrial workers and domestic servants have been hardest

hit by unemployment, and that white collar workers have fared best.

If we divide all the industrial workers in America into the categories: skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled, we find that:

33 1-3 per cent are skilled.
37 per cent are semi-skilled.
29 2-3 per cent are unskilled.

Of all the industrial worker on relief, the proportions are:

26 per cent skilled.
37 per cent semi-skilled.
37 per cent unskilled.

If we divide all the white collar workers of America into categories: professional and managerial, office workers and salesmen, we find that:

45 per cent are professional and managerial.
35 per cent are office workers.
20 per cent are salesmen.

Of the white collar workers, on relief, the proportions are:

28½ per cent professional and managerial.
43 per cent office workers.
28½ per cent salesmen.

If we divide all the farm workers in America into the categories: farm operators and farm laborers, we find that:

61 per cent are farm operators.
39 per cent are farm laborers.

Of the farm workers on relief, the proportions are:

46 per cent are farm operators.
54 per cent are farm laborers.

(Clip this for your notebook.)

UCLANS ENTER FIGHT AGAINST WAR TRAINING

COMPULSORY DRILL HIT BY STUDENT GROUP

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Following hours of heated argument, the student council of the University of California at Los Angeles today had tabled a resolution calling for a petition to the Board of Regents, asking it to abolish compulsory military training at the university.

The vote was 6 to 5, but four members did not vote and it was predicted that the resolution would carry at a special meeting of the council during Christmas vacation.

Introduced by Gilbert Harrison, editor of the U.C.L.A. Daily Bruin, the petition called for a substitution of voluntary R.O.T.C. for compulsory.

"It is necessary for the council to take action on the R.O.T.C. issue soon," said Tom Lambert, student body president, "since our big brothers at Berkeley already have petitioned the regents to abolish compulsory drill."

The regents, governing body for U. C. Berkeley and U.C.L.A., will meet early in January, when they are expected to pass upon the petition.

Red Squad Cop Faces "Subversive Action" Charges of His Wife

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—William Francis "Red" Hynes, pride of the police department and William Randolph Hearst, was accused of "subversive activities" by his wife here today!

In a divorce complaint filed in superior court, Mrs. Mary E. Hynes declared Mr. Hynes kicked her on the shins in the presence of unnamed but presumably "patriotic" witnesses. He left her with contusions and bruises, she said. "Red" threatened to take their child William, 11, and leave the state, abandoning his wife to the un-American practice of "ending up in the gutter," Mrs. Hynes complained. She asked for a restraining order on several banks to prevent them from disposing of \$40,000 in good American property, for custody of the boy and allowance of reasonable maintenance. The couple were married in 1923 and separated December 3, last.

Her stories of "starvation and immorality" and "changing scenery" in the Soviet Union were so grossly exaggerated that the dear old ladies in the audience didn't even applaud. Mrs. Wells spoke with such Hearst-fervor that even a child could tell that she was getting well paid by Hearst and the Chamber of Commerce to tell these lies.

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SCRAP IRON IS WAR MACHINERY IN THE MAKING

HUGE SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN FROM CALIF. PORTS

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 14.—Scrap-iron is again being shipped to Japan. 600 tons of it were loaded into the O. & O. ship Golden Hind, here, last week, and the boat was due to lift up 4000 tons at Pedro, and some thousand or more tons at San Francisco.

This scrap-iron is going straight to Japan's steel mills and munition factories where it will be used to manufacture war materials, shrapnel, and bayonets which will be used on Chinese workers, and Japanese war lords hope, Soviet Red army men.

Up until very recently, Italy had been buying up most of the scrap-iron, but due to Mussolini's war plans, which are proving very costly, Italy can no longer buy scrap-iron for its shrapnel, lacking the cash.

Other war materials being shipped to Japan are thousands of bales of cotton. It is reported that approximately 50,000 bales will be shipped to Japan from San Pedro, within the next three weeks.

A. F. S. U. Stages Membership Drive

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—With a grand prize of a free trip to the Soviet Union and \$375 in cash prizes offered, the American Friends of the Soviet Union is now in the heat of a huge membership drive here, which started December 1.

The prizes will be awarded on a national scale, with the workers securing the most new members gaining the awards. The grand champion will accompany the May 1st Worker Delegation, enjoying all its special privileges.

Workers who are desirous of entering into this competition are asked to contact the American Friends of the Soviet Union at 129 West Third street, Room 212, Los Angeles, for further information.

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RUSSIAN DIALOGUE - ENGLISH TITLES

Does Mr. Hearst Look to Stars For Red Plots?

The "stars incline but do not compel" capitalists to necessarily make fools of themselves. This was revealed last week by the San Francisco Chronicle's scientific column entitled "What the Stars Predict."

The astrologers have discovered that "in many countries revolution may be felt under the surface of established governments, the seers point out, because loyalties and real patriotism are undermined."

"Again astrologers warn that Communists are gaining strength."

There is some speculation abroad as to whether or not the Chronicle has not unwittingly revealed Mr. Hearst's secret sources of information about the Reds.

Open Forum Series Scheduled in E. Bay

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—A regular Sunday open forum will be held at the Workers' Center, 419 12th street, here, beginning next Sunday evening at 8 p. m.

A series of four lectures is already scheduled, the discussions to be based on Dimitroff's report to the 7th World Congress of the Communist International.

The subjects will be: (1) "Fascism and the Working Class"; (2) "The United Front Against Fascism in America"; (3) "The People's Front as Developed in France"; and (4) "The Struggle for Trade Union Unity."

L.A. Workers Aid Soviet Dye Plant

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Building a modern dye cleaning and dyeing plant in the Soviet Union, and teaching the Russian workers the American technique of operation are three Los Angeles workers, Sam Gerber, Dave Uren and Morris Austrian.

A modern plant, with chiefly machinery from the U. S. which was donated by American workers, has just been completed in Moscow. For capacity operation, it can handle 1500 suits daily.

In addition to overalls and rags for the metallurgical plant to which it is attached, the plant will also clean uniforms of Metro workers and the Red Army.

The three American workers are members of the American Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers' Union, with years of experience in the industry.

New Worry for Boss

By WPA Worker.
BELLFLOWER, Calif.—When Foreman Jones was "strawbawing" on the Bellflower Sewer Project last spring under SERA, he very strongly objected to dirty stories or foul language, and even had one worker arrested and tried in Downey for "using foul language."

Now on the Hooper Ave. Storm Drain Project under WPA, Foreman Jones has forgotten all about his phobia against foul language and is chiefly occupied in worrying about whether the workers are talking about organizing under the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

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Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN Z. BISSELL, M. D.

EPILEPSY

Hollister, Calif.
Dec. 11, 1935.

Dear Doctor:

Kindly write article about epilepsy or convulsions and some treatment. Answer through the Western Worker.

L. A.

ANSWER:

This is one of the most dramatic diseases known to the general public because the attacks often occur in public places and are very frightening to one who is not accustomed to them. An epileptic may be walking quietly down the street, when, without warning, he gives a cry and falls heavily to the sidewalk. For the first few seconds his body is twisted and stiff as a board, and his face is a livid purple. After a few seconds, the convulsions begin, at first with slight twitching of the muscles, but increasing rapidly until the whole body is jerking violently. The victim froths at the mouth and very often bites his tongue so that the froth becomes bloody.

This stage does not last longer than three minutes, after which the patient goes over into a state of unconsciousness which lasts a variable length of time.

This is a description of the usual attack of epilepsy. However, there are lesser degrees and other forms of the disease, which are not as serious as the main type.

It has been definitely established that the tendency to suffer from this ailment is inherited and runs in families. However, an immediate cause is usually found which starts the disease on its course. This is sometimes a scar on the inside of the skull or in the membranes of the brain from some injury. If this is the case, an operation will often correct the condition.

Other immediate causes may be: alcohol or lead poisoning, hardening of the brain arteries, kidney disease, eyestrain, a glandular up-

set, or an infection somewhere in the body.

Treatment

If any of the above conditions are at the basis of the disease, they should be treated by a doctor.

About the only forms of self-treatment which the patient can perform with safety are dietary and general hygienic. These are, however, very important. Most important is to avoid constipation. This is best accomplished by eating large quantities of the leafy vegetables and fruits. If this is not sufficient, the patient should attempt to establish regularity with mineral oil, which is not habit-forming. If this fails, it is important enough that the patient avoid constipation that he take a laxative, as often as necessary, even at the risk of establishing a habit.

The less meat eaten, and especially such dishes as liver, kidney, sweetbreads, etc., the better. It is very important that the patient should have fresh air, outdoor work, and quiet surroundings. Because of this, special colonies should be established for epileptics. We do not expect that this will be done until we workers take possession of the country, for the epileptics among the present owning class are well taken care of.

Taking of drugs, such as bromides or phenobarbital should only be done under the direction of a doctor, for they can cause much injury if not taken properly.

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Trade Unions on Trial In San Francisco

A Socialist worker, Carl Swanson, 26 years old and a striker at the Ford Products plants in Detroit is dead. He was shot in the back by police. But the murderer has not even been questioned.

In Florida another Socialist worker, Joseph Shoemaker, is dead. He was kidnapped, flogged and left to die by vigilantes working in conjunction with Tampa police. Six cops were suspended—not for their part in the murder—but for raiding a workers' meeting and arresting some of those present.

And in San Francisco the employers, different individuals it is true, but representatives of the same class responsible for these murders, are attempting to railroad four militant members of the Ship Sealers' Union to San Quentin—or to the gallows.

They are charged with first degree murder.

That no murder was committed has been clearly shown by doctors' testimony during the trial. A man, suffering from heart trouble and other ailments, steps to the roof above a sidewalk, crashes through to the cement—and dies many days later.

Mass pressure and not so-called "legal" proof is needed to free these men. The employers are too experienced in the fine technique of legal frame-up, an experience gained in years of practice, to allow a little thing like proof to halt their legal murders.

Dock workers and seamen, in a half-hour stop-work protest, are exerting effective mass pressure today. But the working class must exert more pressure than this. Socialists, liberals, professionals and trade unionists should observe this first simple step in self-defense. Protests should flood Judge Lile Jacks' courtroom in the Hall of Justice. The courtroom must be packed every day.

The right to organize and strike for better working conditions is on trial in San Francisco.

TRADE UNIONISTS—SHORESIDE AND MARITIME—PACK THE COURT. GET YOUR UNION TO PROTEST OFFICIALLY.

SAVE YOUR UNIONS BY FREEING THESE FOUR MEN.

The Man in the Silk Hat Murders Six L.A. Workers

Charles N. Layman, WPA worker at Los Angeles arm amuck the other day, killing six of his fellow workers on the project. He had been brooding over real or fancied grievances.

But it is not Layman who is the actual murderer. The real murderer is the filthy beast pictured in Jacob Burke's cartoons, the profit-fattened, money-mad employer class, the man in the silk hat and spats. The murderer is the capitalist system.

Shunted from cash relief to grocery order, from pick and shovel to bread line, from PWA to SERA to WPA, fighting with officials for every pay check, starving, jobless for years on end, is it any wonder that men "crack-up"? Is it any wonder that men and women brood, go crazy, commit murder and suicide?

The man in the silk hat—Mr. J. P. Morgan, Mr. Hearst or whom you will—is getting fatter and richer, day by day, month by month. And his victims are becoming more numerous. These gentlemen, true to their robbers' instincts, now are shouting about "government spending" because they are afraid they may be forced to pay a fraction of the bill.

But the American people are organizing to force these gentlemen to pay—not a fraction of the bill—but a major portion of it. The American people, tired of starvation, tired of being driven to insanity, tired of skid rows and police brutality and fascist laws, are preparing to fight for a decent living.

Their weapon is to be a mass Farmer-Labor Party.

Can Your Section Do As Well As the East Bay?

The East Bay Section of the Communist Party has already gone to work on the drive for a bigger and better Western Worker. Realizing that circulation is as important as finances they ordered this special edition. Five thousand copies, paid for in advance, and their sale in Alameda County already prepared for by organization for a drive.

They took so much space for advertising and have already made \$25 over their expenses before this issue even goes to press. They set up a functioning press committee, with dele-

gates from each Party unit, which took the job in hand and did it properly.

The \$25, plus all income over expenses derived from sale of the 5000 copies goes into the East Bay quota in the \$7500 sustaining fund for 1936.

The 5000 papers go into the homes, offices and factories of Oakland, Hayward, Berkeley, Alameda, and the other cities of that section. On a conservative estimate that means about 15,000 people who know little or nothing about the militant working class press will become acquainted with it. Proper follow-up on this East Bay edition means hundreds of new subscribers there and thousands of new friends.

There is nothing complicated about this business of building a mass workers' paper.

IT JUST TAKES HARD, INTELLIGENT WORK!

CAN YOUR SECTION DO AS WELL?

Certainly San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego have the forces to handle a similar special edition during the period of the drive, January 1 to March 14.

Order Your Extra Bundle of The Birthday Edition Now

The special eight-page Fourth Anniversary Edition of the WESTERN WORKER will be off the press December 28. It will contain a wealth of special material of interest to all readers on the Pacific Coast.

There will be, for instance, a full summary of all the struggles and victories reported in the WESTERN WORKER for the year 1935. There will be special material on the Farmer-Labor Party and on the other campaigns of the Party.

There will be short articles written especially for the birthday issue by Comrade Browder and other leading Party functionaries.

It will be a paper all will enjoy. Thousands of additional copies for mass distribution will be run off. Therefore, it is up to the sections and subsections to order their extra bundles AT ONCE.

Orders must be in early. They should be sent at once so that the comrades in charge will be able to estimate the number of extra copies to print. So do not delay another minute.

Order your bundles today!

A Word to Relief Workers And Their Clients

The struggle for relief is as permanent as the problem of unemployment under capitalism. It is part of the class struggle, manifesting itself in mass struggle as against splitting tactics and repression.

The Federated Press reports two statements that forcibly express two aspects of the relief problem, bearing out the theory of the class struggle. An associate of Relief Administrator Hopkins, touring the country in a special survey of relief problems, told Midwest relief workers:

"If only people on relief were more militant and disorderly it would be easier to get money out of Congress for their needs."

On the other hand, Illinois relief workers recall that Governor Emmerson (Rep.), when told that his refusal to endorse relief appropriations would result in hunger riots, declared:

"That's what we got the military for."

Relief workers, under pressure of campaigns by rich taxpayers for economy measures, have been forced to develop extraordinary skill in giving the hungry the run-around. Mass anger and mass demonstrations alone provide the check on this steady downward drive on relief rates and schemes.

Some relief workers have realized that this perpetual shift in relief tactics is the result of "capitalism trying to solve an unsolvable problem. It can do no more than develop palliatives, which we must extend as much as possible by alert struggle and all-inclusive organization. Relief workers, facing problems of their own, are potential allies; just as relief clients are potential allies of the relief workers.

The battle is between the rich and the rest of the population. It goes on ceaselessly, taking new form, now and then.

Building solidarity between client and relief worker, striving for full human values, taking all that may be had from capitalism while spreading the truth that there is only one solution to the problem—this is the only logical course, the Communist course.

"A Long and Bitter Account"

Yes—but I thought the other man might have some little trifle at stake in it too; and even his wife and children, poor creatures. The masters are these: nobles, rich men, the prosperous generally. These few, who do not work, determine what pay the vast hire shall have who do the work. You see? They're a combine . . . and then all of a sudden the wage-earner will consider that a couple of thousand years or so is enough of this one-sided sort of thing; and he will rise and take a hand in fixing his wages himself. Ah, he will have a long and bitter account of wrong and humiliation to settle.—From "A Connecticut Yankee."

—Mark Twain.

The danger of growing fascism in the United States cannot and must not be underestimated. The material and political resources of the big monopolists and bankers behind the Liberty League and Roosevelt are tremendous.

Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL
 DEPARTMENT

Agricultural Unions And the Fresno Conference

In the Porterville area, the agricultural union obtained a charter from the A.F.L. a few months ago. Because one incapable, irresponsible disruptive Trotskyite by the name of Jamison, maneuvered himself into the leadership, our comrades stayed away from the local. The result was that the workers became disgusted with the Trotskyite and left the union, which caused the local to go down to nothing.

In other surrounding small towns, Dowd, secretary of the Central Labor Council in Fresno, withdrew the charters because the militants were in control of the locals. Our comrades therefore became discouraged and gave up altogether organizing the agricultural workers.

In Bakersfield, the Central Labor Council assigned an organizer to organize the agricultural workers into the A.F.L. This organizer had no objection to Communists joining the unions, but so far our comrades have failed to join these locals and help build them.

Our comrades in Porterville and in the Valley generally must correct this wrong attitude in regard to our trade union work in order to help the workers there to improve their conditions. All eligible Party members and militants should immediately join the Porterville Local and strengthen it by giving it the proper leadership. This example will aid in the building of more locals in the Valley. Also, wherever charters have been taken away from locals by the reactionary Dowd, we should work still harder to bring more workers into the organization. Through a strong militant organization, it will be much easier to force Dowd and other fakery of this kind to give out charters.

The Bakersfield comrades should also, without further delay, contact that organizer and help him in every possible way to organize the agricultural workers into the A.F.L.

(Articles for Party Life are coming in very slowly. Let's hear from all units and sections.)

OPEN FORUM

HOW DO YOU KNOW HE
 WAS A COMMUNIST?

San Francisco
 Editor, Western Worker:

Dear sir: I sometimes attend the open air forum in front of the Public Library in the Civic Center. The different views on political and economic questions which are expounded there help me to form an opinion.

Of special interest to me are the doctrines set forth by Communist speakers; one or more of them being always present. Timid by nature and not endowed with the gift of gab, I ventured nevertheless to take part in a discussion on a recent afternoon. The remarks I made probably sounded silly, but the intolerance with which I was rebuked by the Communist speaker struck me as being entirely out of place.

Now my purpose in writing to you is to suggest that you give, through the medium of the Western Worker, your intellectual soap-boxers a hint to restrain their impatience and observe more tolerance towards would-be converts who are willing to learn. It might bring better results.

I cannot consistently call myself a Communist because as yet I do not master Marxist science to a sufficient degree to be rated as one. Still, I have voted the Communist ticket on local and national elections for the past four years.

Sincerely
 J. C. S.

PWU Wins Victory

FLORENCE, Calif., Dec. 16.—Out local of the Public Works and Unemployed Union has won an unusual victory. When a worker refused to work on a WPA project because his wife is unable to care for his two young sons, since she is expecting another baby, our grievance committee demanded and won assignment of a housekeeper supplied by the county. The housekeeper works eight hours a day, six days a week, while the worker is on the job.

★ ★ ★ Yuletide Greetings ★ ★ ★



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Government Aid to Aviation Urged To Guarantee Wartime Establishment BARING "CONFIDENTIAL STUFF"

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Recommendations on National Aviation Policy presented to the Federal Aviation Commission by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc., was not meant for the public eye. For it is marked, "Confidential." Not for publication. Why? Because it is a revealing document of selfishness, greed and warmindedness.

On the one hand are unabashed pleas for government aid, subsidies and contracts; on the other, recommendations to the government to cut out such activities as compete in the slightest with the privately-owned aircraft companies and thus endanger their profits. There are three typical quotations: "Limitation of profits should be eliminated from the law." (For profits the "sky is the limit" for these merchants of death.)

Government Support.

"Replacement orders should be in accordance with a definite long-term program and distributed in such a manner as to assure continuity of production in the plants of constructors depended upon to form the nucleus of a wartime production establishment." (Which means that the government should keep a steady peace-time flow of orders going to these bomber builders.)

"A definite and clearly stated policy of encouragement to the export of aero-nautical products." (Government should boost air-plane exports even though the planes go to possible enemies in the next war. The more exports—to Italy or Japan or Nazi Germany—the more profits for United States plane capitalists.)

Murder on Hand

Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, author of these recommendations, represents the overwhelming majority of the air transport, manufacturing and engine building companies in the United States. It wants bigger and better planes built now in its factories for wartime use. For as it urges in its salesmen's appeal to patriotism: "On any day, or date of mobilization, the United States must start a war with what it has on hand."

Opponents of war will be particularly interested in the section on "The Aircraft Procurement Problem," which states that the "objectives of the Government and the aircraft manufacturing industry are identical," to wit: "To provide the United States with the most effective air force in the world . . . (and) to meet the initial demands of a national emergency."

Mail Contracts

Air Commerce Act of 1926 and government assistance through payments for carriage of mail were steps which had "the national defense character of the industry in mind," it is maintained. The Chamber applauds the organization of the General Headquarters air force of the Army as a "step in the right direction" and pledges that the "industry will continue to operate to the best of its ability in the execution of the industrial

preparedness plans of the services." It is obviously one of the most heavily financed of the munitions lobbies in Washington and is keen for profitable "educational orders" of planes.

Senate Munitions Hearings

Companies represented in the organization's "Military Contractors Committee" are: Douglas Aircraft Co., Great Lakes Aircraft Corp., Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co., Lycoming Mfg. Co., Consolidated Aircraft Corp., Boeing Airplane Co., General Aviation Mfg. Corp., Curtiss-Wright Corp., and Wright Aeronautical Corp. Several of these firms have been exposed in the Senate munitions hearings in Washington as having brought pressure to bear on governmental agencies in efforts to land fat contracts for planes.

Profit Record

Many of these have been making large profits out of United States war preparations. Here are a few recent samples of net profit reports: Douglas Aircraft, \$1,082,746, first nine months of 1935 (this company is notorious for its ability to hide actual profits which are concealed behind such items as research, development expense, depreciation and other reserves); Consolidated Aircraft, \$276,143; and Wright Aeronautical, \$60,608, first six months of 1935; and Curtiss-Wright, \$359,737 for 1934. Much larger profits are in view for coming months and industry is now working at a much higher level than for many months.

SOVIET UNION CAR-BUILDING SETS RECORD

FOREIGN WRITER SAID
 IT WAS "IMPOSSIBLE"

MOSCOW, Dec. 16.—Announcing its greatest industrial achievement of the year, the Soviet Union completed the year's plan to produce 80,000 freight cars (in two-axis units), five weeks ahead of time.

The record set this year has much to do with the fine work of the railroads, once the most backward branch of Soviet economy. The railroads celebrated November 7 by surpassing the standard set before them by Comrade Stalin, loading more than 80,000 cars in one day for the first time. Until this year the average daily loadings amounted to 55,000.

Prior to the revolution, in 1913, Russia produced 15,000 freight cars. In 1928 the figure was about 10,000, increasing to 29,400 last year. When this year's plan was announced, William Stoneham, Moscow correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, wrote: "It is absolutely impossible for the Soviet Union to build 80,000 freight cars in one year, orders or no orders."

Actually production, now running better than 10,000 a month, will exceed 90,000 for the year.

WORLD SEAMEN LEAD FIGHT TO FORCE WAR BAN

ISH ORGANIZES ALL PORTS
 IN UNITED ACTION TO
 PUSH SANCTIONS

MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 14.—Conscious of its task and responsibility as a workers' organization, the International of Seamen and Harbor Workers has called upon all transport workers to take united action to carry through the PROLETARIAN sanctions against fascist Italy.

At the initiative of the ISH a joint vigilance committee of all trade unions in the port of Marseilles was organized for the purpose of preventing all Italian shipments and a strict watch on the application of sanctions with the assistance of all trade unions and the general population of the town. The effectiveness of this joint committee was demonstrated only a few days after its formation when work on the Italian freighter Cesare, loading scrap iron, was stopped for an hour.

PORT SAID.—According to reports from French colonial ports, the dockers have refused to work Italian ships and other vessels loading hay for Eritrea. Port authorities were unable to herd port natives from the interior to replace the dockers.

Two Greek ships, the Phassos and the Sifnos, chartered by the Italian government for the transport of oil to Eritrea, are stranded here, when the crews decided to refuse to man any ship destined for the Italian armies in Africa.

At Antwerp, the sailing of the British vessel, S.S. Trendenick, which was scheduled to take a cargo of ammunition to Italy was delayed when the crew deserted rather than take the ship to sea. A new crew was sent from Cardiff, uninformed of the true state of affairs and as a result the ship finally sailed.

With the tying up of the Italian bound Norwegian ship Spero, in New York Harbor, and the recent strike of the Oregon and Rignor at San Pedro and the Farnham at Boston, portrays the broad development of the working class against war.

Christmas Shoppers Urged By League to Boycott Nazi Goods

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—"Don't desecrate the festival which commemorates good will among men by buying toys and other things made in present-day Nazi Germany," urges the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights.

"Upon the crooked cross of Nazism the very teachings and ideals of Christianity are being crucified. Nazism wages a campaign against civilization and religion, whether Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or any other religion. Shun as unclean the articles bearing the stamp, 'Made in Germany.'"

World Events

By Emmett Kirby

Hoare Forced Out As World Protests Sell-Out Plan

The strength of the organized opinion of the people was demonstrated again this week. As a result, the attempt of British and French capitalism to save Italian fascism by giving it Ethiopia in installments has failed for the time.

A new method will be tried, of course, but today, as a consequence of the betrayal "peace plan" born of Laval, premier of France, and his Samuel Hoare, the latter has been forced to resign as British foreign secretary and Laval was only able to keep himself in power by a maneuver—the postponing for one additional week of his report to the Chamber of Deputies on the Italo-Ethiopia-Geneva situation.

Council Repudiates

And it is reported the hopes of putting the infamous plan through Geneva have been given a severe blow, when the League of Nations Council "virtually repudiated" them. This saved their being presented to the Assembly, composed largely of small nations, where in their present form they would have been subject to a round attack. No doubt they will be altered somewhat and presented once again a bit later. Anthony Eden flew from London Tuesday to get this done.

In the meantime, however, they have served Mussolini well, in that he has been allowed to seem willing, if not eager, for peace, and while he is killing time "considering" them, the oil embargo has been indefinitely held up.

Continue Protests

But while Sir Samuel Hoare is forced out, Premier Stanley Baldwin is booted and demonstrated against, and Laval retains a lease on political life by the thin of his teeth, the coming week will be one of star chamber, diplomacy and bargaining. That the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist peoples of the world can halt the plans of capitalist diplomacy was amply proven in the above effects, one main cause of which was the worldwide flood of labor and liberal telegrams of protest to Paris, London and Geneva. And since it is clear as day that the temporary victory will be met only with a new maneuver, probably in milder form, a complete victory can only be secured to aid Ethiopia and world peace by continuing that flood of protests. If your organization has not yet acted, bring up the matter at your next meeting.

Ethiopians Win

Ethiopian warriors are now giving their answer to the plan which would steal their country from them and jeopardize world peace by giving a prize to aggressors. In a three-day battle, still continuing, they have forced the retreat of the Italian army for more than twelve miles along the Takkaze River front. Hundreds of fascist troops were killed. While Ethiopian losses were undoubtedly heavy from machine guns and other modern weapons they are ill-equipped to face, the wisdom of their strategy was well borne out.

Unable to fight the massed armies at the beginning of the war, they waited until they were mobilized and then drawing the fascists into country where they were at less of a disadvantage carried on a constant campaign of raids and harassing. Night attacks and avoidance of major battles was the keynote, with the result that fascist troops were not able to draw on their rear reserves and were forced to retreat back to where they started, from on many sectors. The mountain passes of the Takkaze river have proven a nut hard to crack. There bombing planes and gas attacks are of practically no value, and the maintenance of communications of advance troops with the rear is almost impossible against these black warriors fighting for their lives and country.

NEWSPAPER GUILD GETS CHICAGO MEMBERS

CHICAGO.—(FP)—The American Newspaper Guild is about ready to charter a Chicago chapter. Organizer Davy says: "Principal strength is in the Daily Times, tabloid, the only daily supporting the new deal in this city, and in the United Press office."

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